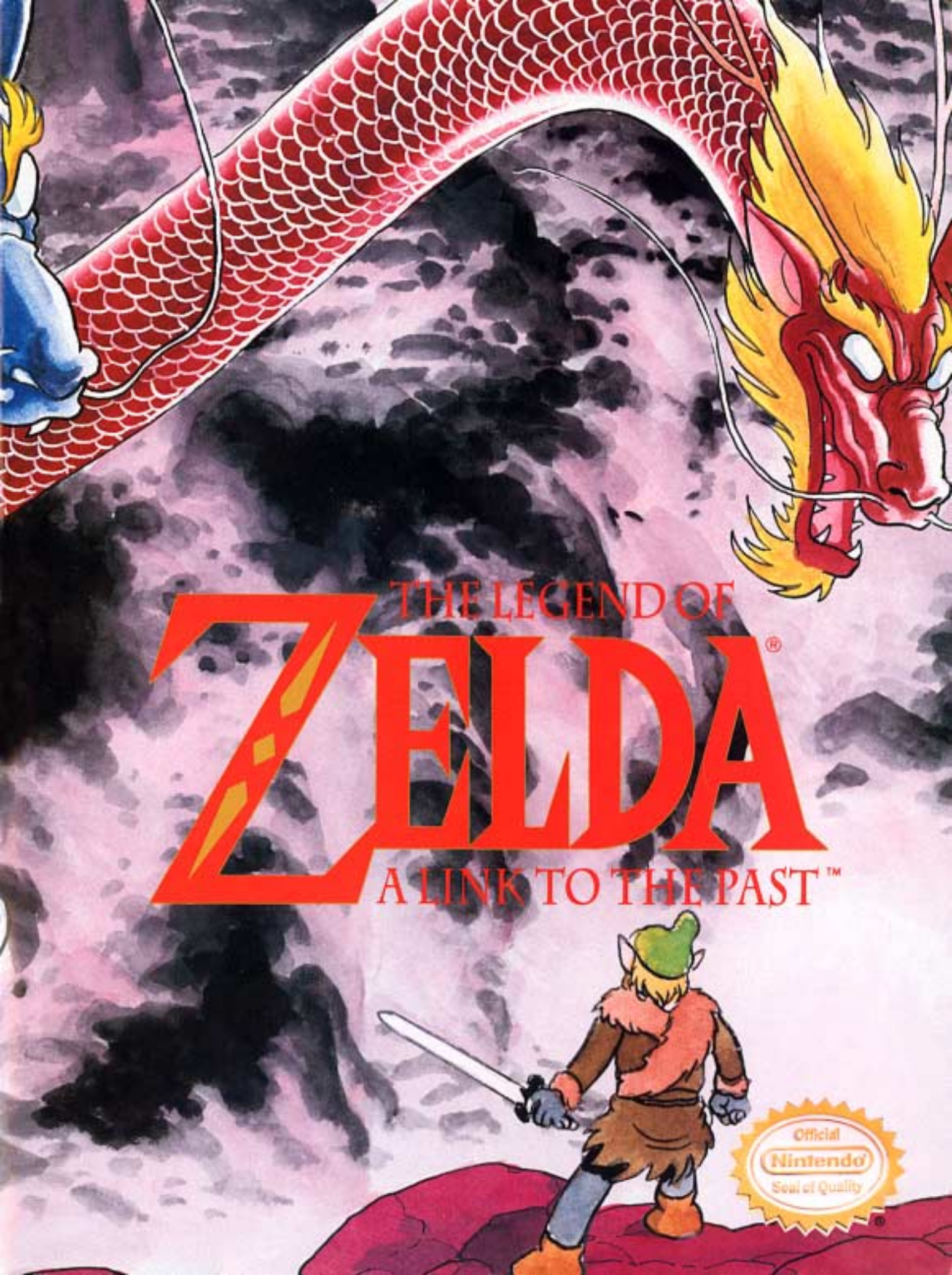
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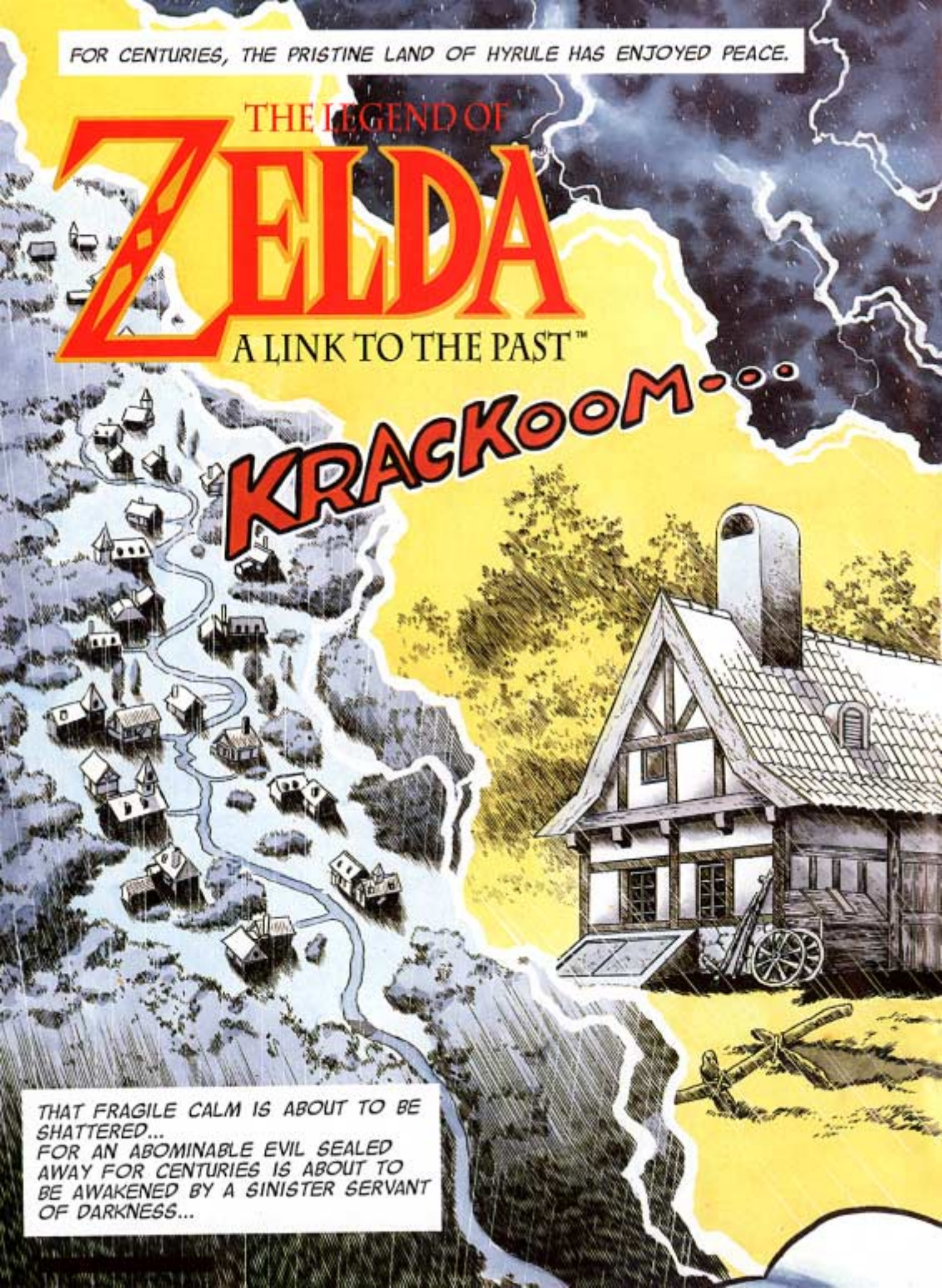
FOR CENTURIES, THE PRISTINE LAND OF HYRULE HAS ENJOYED PEACE.
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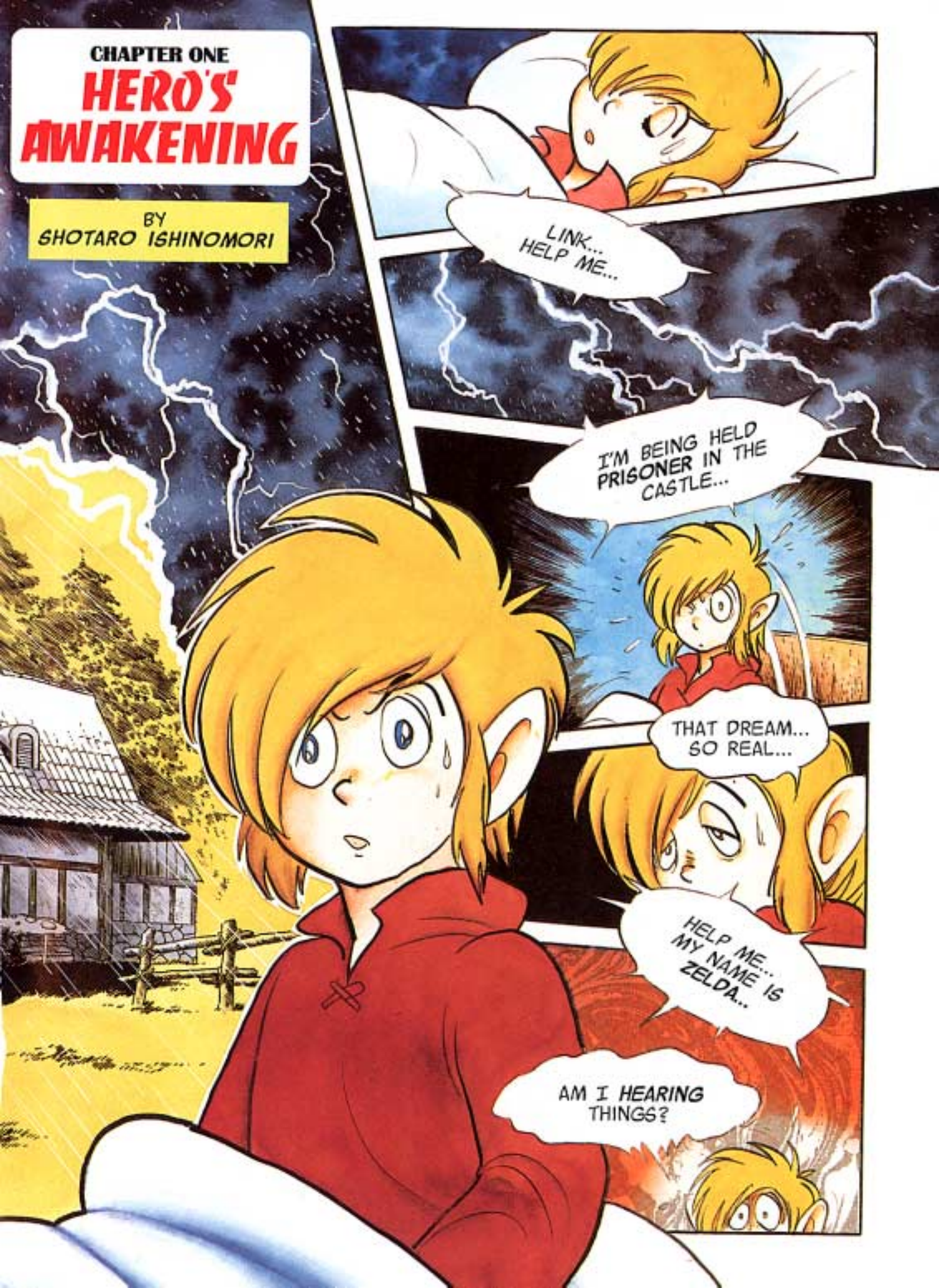
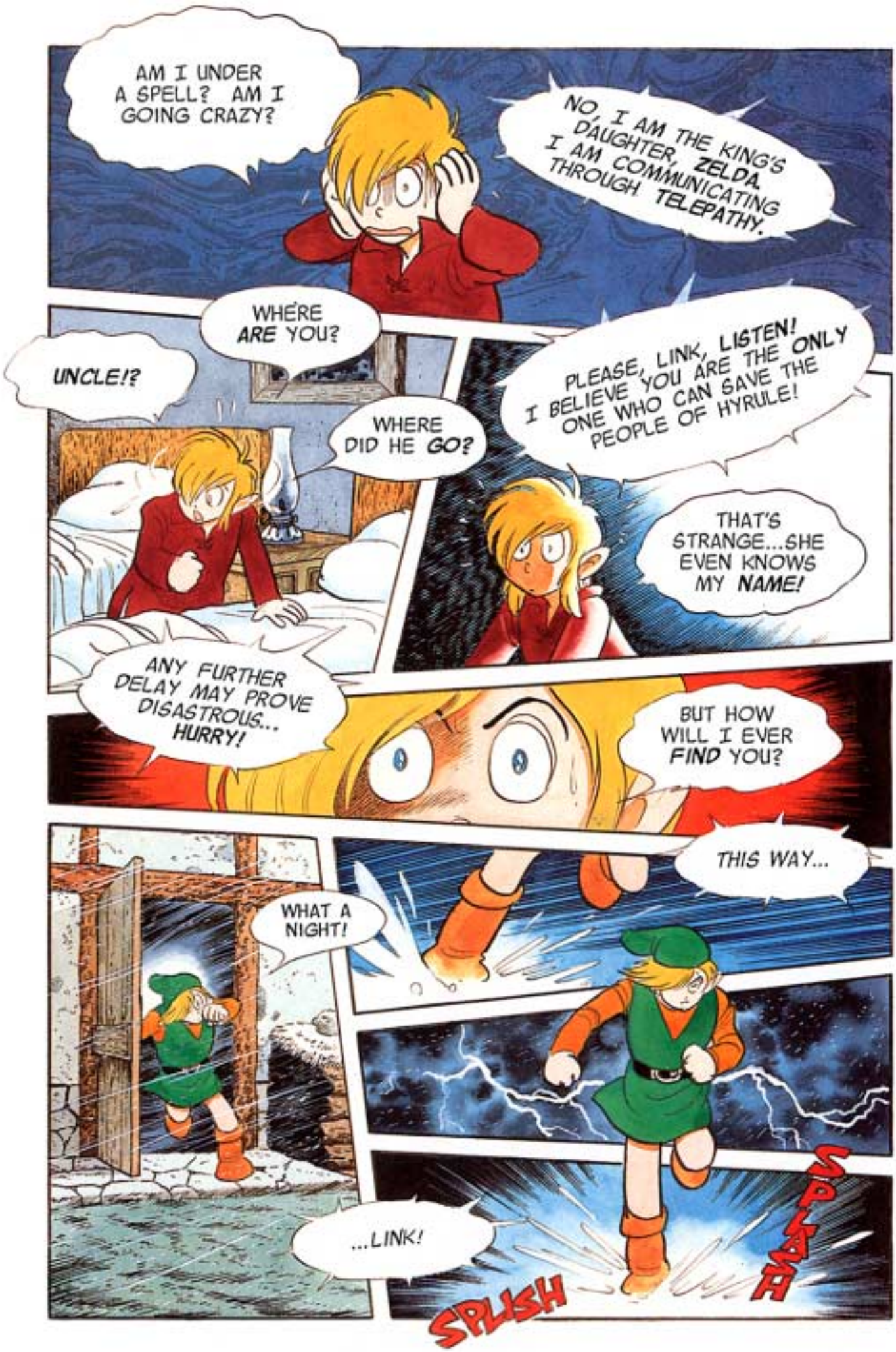
KRACKOOM...
THAT FRAGILE CALM IS ABOUT TO BE SHATTERED...
FOR AN ABOMINABLE EVIL SEALED AWAY FOR CENTURIES IS ABOUT TO BE AWAKENED BY A SINISTER SERVANT OF DARKNESS...


CHAPTER ONE
HERO'S AWAKENING
BY SHOTARO ISHINOMORI
LINK... HELP ME...
I'M BEING HELD PRISONER IN THE CASTLE...
THAT DREAM... SO REAL...
HELP ME... MY NAME IS ZELDA...
AM I HEARING THINGS?


AM I UNDER A SPELL? AM I GOING CRAZY?
NO, I AM THE KING'S DAUGHTER, ZELDA. I AM COMMUNICATING THROUGH TELEPATHY.
WHERE ARE YOU?
UNCLE!?
WHERE DID HE GO?
PLEASE, LINK, LISTEN! I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE THE PEOPLE OF HYRULE!
THAT'S STRANGE...SHE EVEN KNOWS MY NAME!
ANY FURTHER DELAY MAY PROVE DISASTROUS... HURRY!
BUT HOW WILL I EVER FIND YOU?
THIS WAY...
WHAT A NIGHT!
...LINK!
SPLISH
SPLASH

IN HERE!
KRACKOOM
BE WARY OF THE CASTLE SOLDIERS! AGAHNIM CONTROLS THEM WITH HIS MAGIC!
I DON'T SEE ANY...
SWISH!
YIKE!
THANKS FOR THE WARNING!
WHICH WAY TO GO?

WHAT'S THIS?
KA-TANG!
KLANG!
UNCLE!!
YOU HAVE STRUCK YOUR FINAL BLOW, PUNY FOOL!
ZZZZAM!
AAAAH!

...HMNPH! THUS SHALL ALL WHO CHALLENGE ME, AGAHNIM, MEET THEIR DOOM!
UH-UNCLE!! ARE YOU...?
GROAN...
IT WAS ZELDA... SHE SUMMONED ME THROUGH TELEPATHY!
LINK... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ZELDA, EH... SO YOU HEARD HER, TOO... VERY WELL...
...TAKE MY SWORD AND SHIELD. THE PRINCESS... YOU MUST SAVE HER!
HUH?
AFTER YOU RESCUE ZELDA...AND THE PEOPLE IN THE DARK WORLD...YOU MAY MEET YOUR PARENTS...
UNCLE
WHAT?! THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! THEY'RE DEAD!
UNCLE! >SOB< WHY? WHAT IS HAPPENING?
UNNNGH...
THERE IS NO TIME TO GRIEVE NOW. YOU MUST HURRY ONWARD!

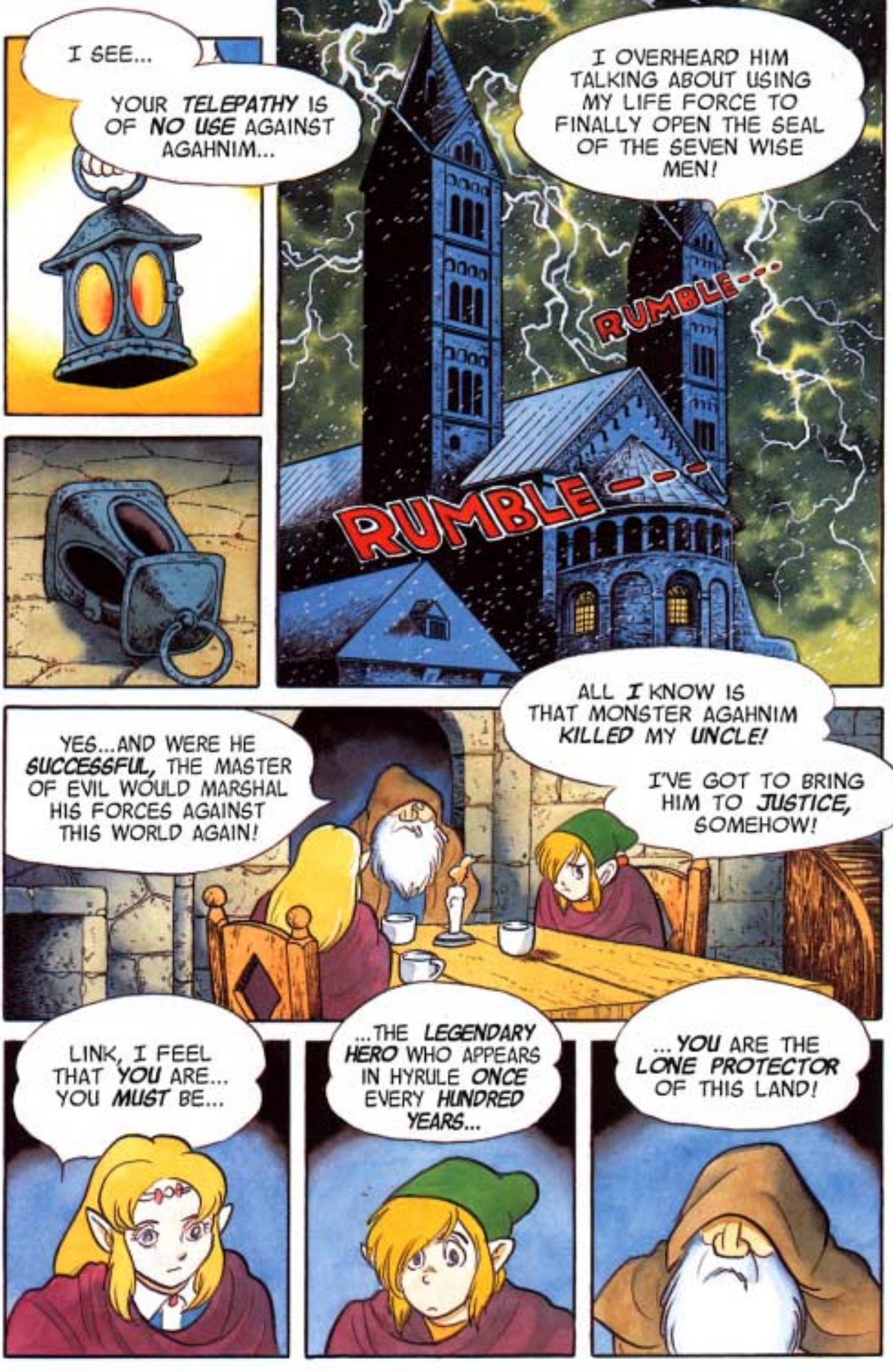
...IT APPEARS ZELDA WAS ABLE TO SUMMON HELP WITH HER TELEPATHIC POWERS...
...IF WE DO NOT ACT SOON, MORE FOOLS MAY ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THEIR PRECIOUS PRINCESS!
BRING ZELDA TO ME AT ONCE!
THE FINAL ENCHANTMENT MUST BE CAST IMMEDIATELY!
AGAHNIM IS PLANNING TO USE THE LIFE FORCE OF SEVEN MAIDENS TO OPEN THE SEAL OF THE SEVEN WISE MEN...
SEVEN WISE MEN? SEAL? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THESE THINGS...
LONG AGO, MANY PEOPLE ENTERED THE GOLDEN LAND IN SEARCH OF THE MIGHTY GOLDEN POWER SAID TO BE HIDDEN THERE. BUT NO ONE EVER RETURNED...
ONE DAY, AN EVIL POWER BEGAN FLOWING FROM THE ENTRANCE!

AND THE KING ORDERED SEVEN WISE MEN...
...TO SEAL THE GATE TO THE GOLDEN LAND FOREVER!
BUT NOW, AGAHNIM IS GOING TO OPEN THE GOLDEN SEAL USING OUR LIFE ENERGY!
OUR LIFE FORCE? SO YOU ARE ONE OF THE SEVEN MAIDENS?
THAT'S TERRIBLE!
I...I CAME TO SAVE PRINCESS ZELDA!
SH-K
WHO GOES THERE?
WHELP! NOW IT IS YOU WHO NEEDS SAVING!
KLANG!
YOU AND THE PRINCESS WILL BE TOGETHER SOON ENOUGH!
BOINNG
SPROING
SWISH

BAP!
ERR... UNNH!
NOW...
...LEAD ME TO THE DUNGEON! WHAT?
SWISH!
FSHHHH-
CRUNCH
...LINK! CONCENTRATE! I WILL GUIDE YOU!
TRUST YOUR FEELINGS AND YOU WILL FIND ME!
AHH! IT'S WORKING!
I'M ON MY WAY! HOLD ON, ZELDA!

AIEEEE!
LINK, HURRY! THEY ARE TAKING ME AWAY!
CLINK
CLANK
PRINCESS ZELDA!
LINK?!
EHH?
HALT!
THIS WAY!
?!

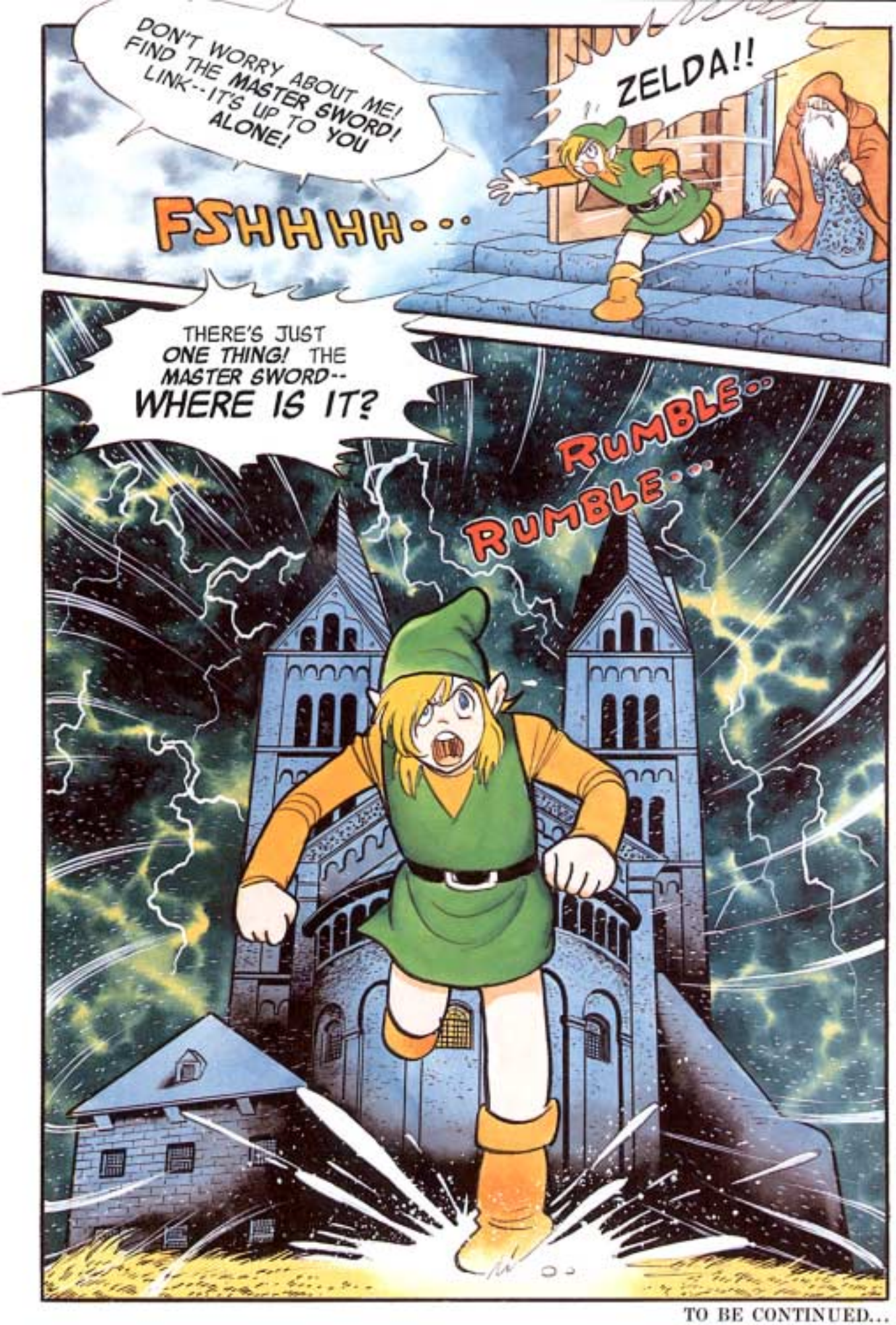
WE MUST ESCAPE AND MAKE OUR WAY TO THE SANCTUARY! THE OLD MAN THERE WILL HELP US!
SHHH...
THERE'S NO WAY OUT! IT'S A DEAD-END!
IF WE ESCAPE, THAT IS! IF WE ESCAPE...
FWOOSH
?!
MAYBE A LITTLE OPTIMISM ISN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA...
CREAK...
IF YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS SECRET PASSAGE, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SOONER?
I DIDN'T KNOW!
THIS CASTLE WAS BUILT LONG AGO! NO ONE REMEMBERS ALL OF ITS SECRETS!


I SEE...
YOUR TELEPATHY IS OF NO USE AGAINST AGAHNIM...
I OVERHEARD HIM TALKING ABOUT USING MY LIFE FORCE TO FINALLY OPEN THE SEAL OF THE SEVEN WISE MEN!
RUMBLE---
RUMBLE---
ALL I KNOW IS THAT MONSTER AGAHNIM KILLED MY UNCLE!
I'VE GOT TO BRING HIM TO JUSTICE, SOMEHOW!
YES...AND WERE HE SUCCESSFUL, THE MASTER OF EVIL WOULD MARSHAL HIS FORCES AGAINST THIS WORLD AGAIN!
LINK, I FEEL THAT YOU ARE... YOU MUST BE...
...THE LEGENDARY HERO WHO APPEARS IN HYRULE ONCE EVERY HUNDRED YEARS...
...YOU ARE THE LONE PROTECTOR OF THIS LAND!

I FEEL SURE THAT YOU CAN FOIL AGAHNIM'S PLOT!
BLUSH
LINK? IF YOU ARE GOING TO BATTLE THE WIZARD AGAHNIM, DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE HIM! I SENSE A POWERFUL EVIL FORCE IS GUIDING HIS ACTIONS...
RRRUMBLE
BADOOM!
ZZZZZZAM
WHAT?! HE IS COMING! I SENSE HIS EVIL PRESENCE!
IT'S AGAHNIM!
HA-HA...
PRINCESS ZELDA... COME BACK TO THE CASTLE QUIETLY! EVEN IF YOU RUN TO THE ENDS OF HYRULE, YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE ME!

I'LL NEVER LET YOU TAKE HER!
HA HA HA
NOT SO LONG AGO, ANOTHER FOOLISH WARRIOR LOST HIS LIFE SPOUTING SIMILAR NONSENSE!
WHY, YOU--! THAT WAS MY UNCLE!
ZZZAT!
ZZZM!
AAAAH!
AIIIEEE
YOU ARE AS WEAK AS YOU ARE IMPETUOUS!
I WILL MAKE YOU TASTE FEAR LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER KNOWN!
HMMMM...

BADOOM!
BAP!
CLACK
GROAN...
MAYBE THIS WILL KNOCK SOME HEROIC SENSE INTO ME!
HA HA HA HA HA
PRINCESS!
ZELDA!
IT'S NO USE FIGHTING AGAHNIM WITH AN ORDINARY SWORD!
YOU NEED THE MASTER SWORD OF LEGENDS PAST!



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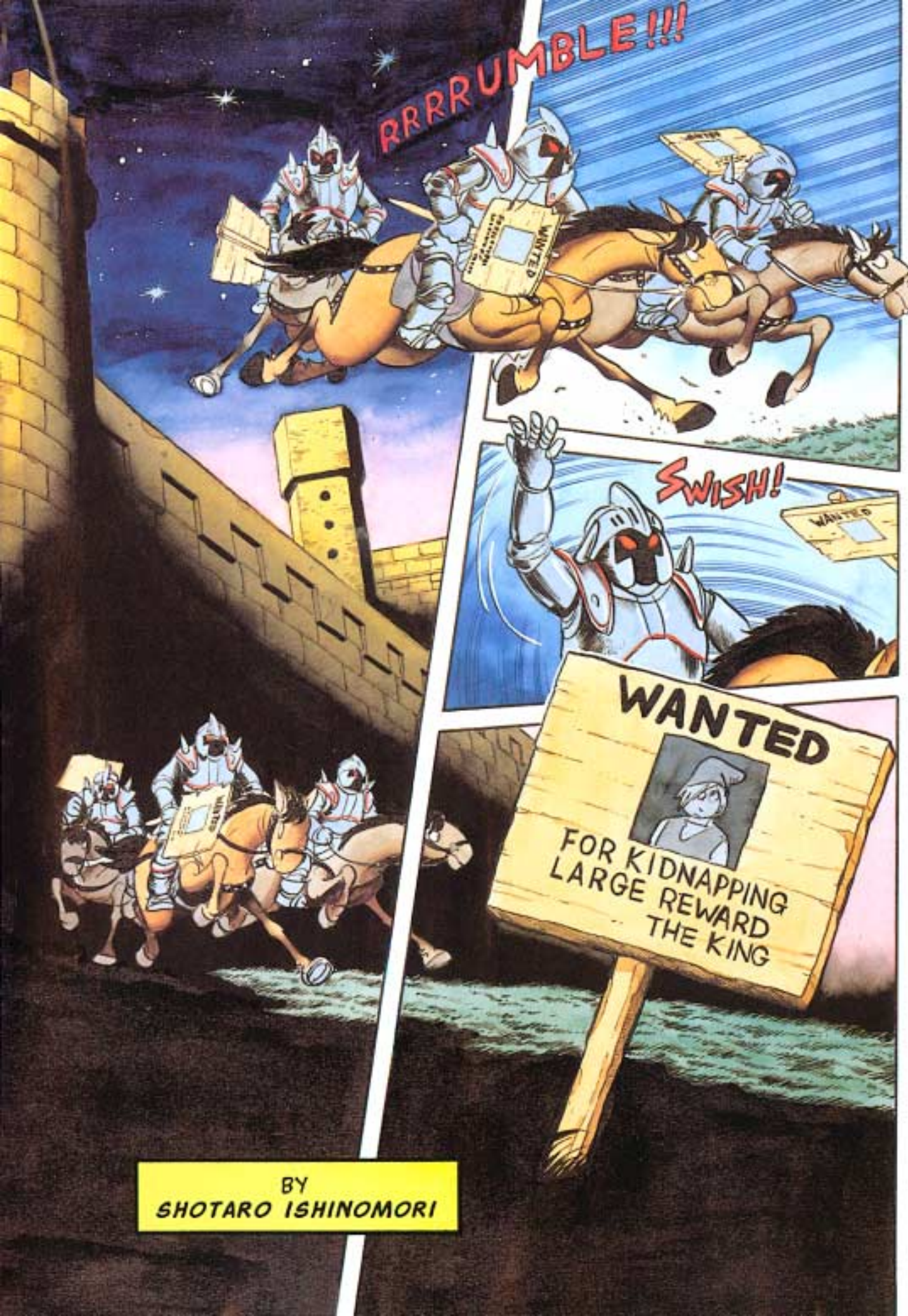
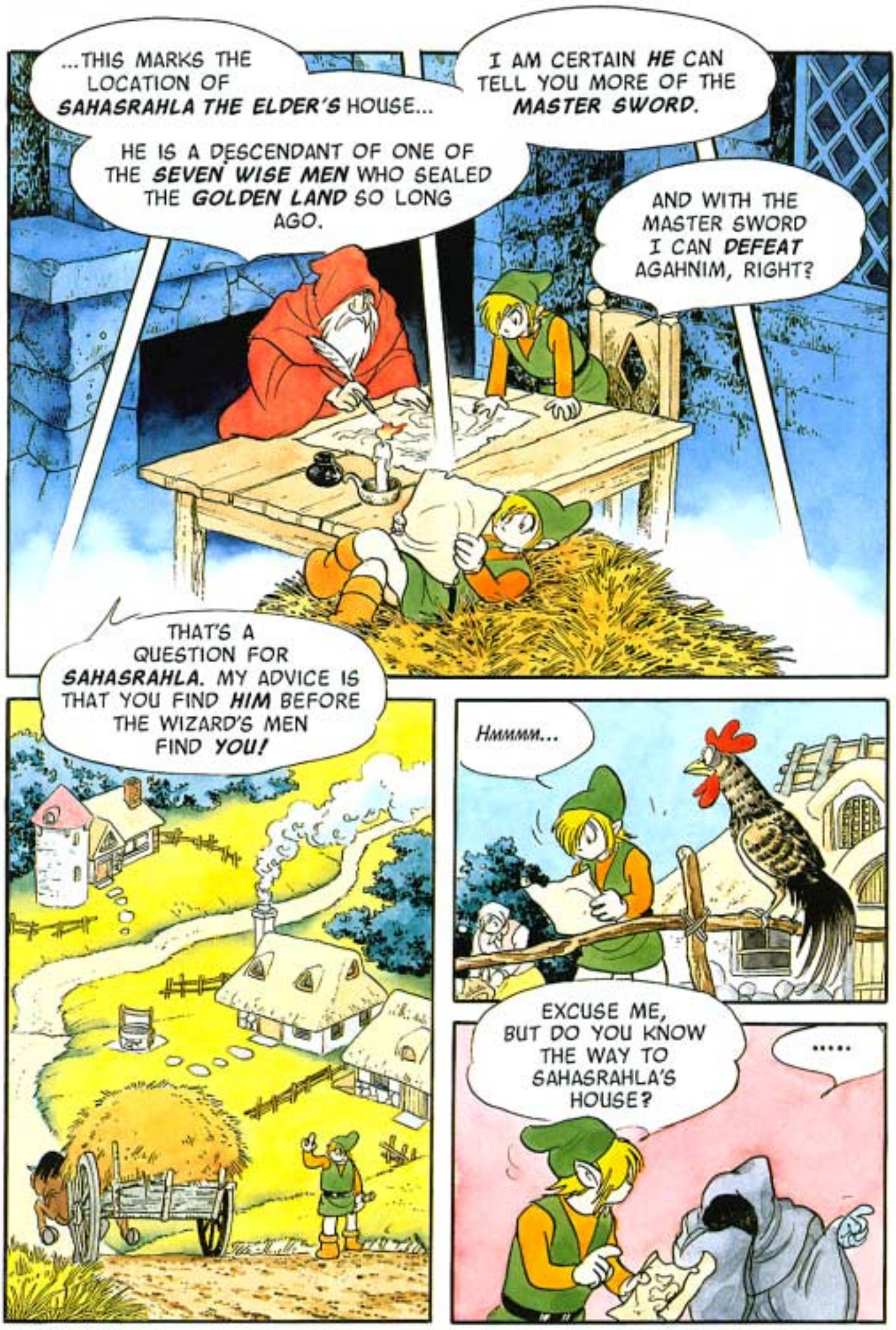
CHAPTER TWO

WISE MAN'S WARNING

HEEDING THE TELEPATHIC SUMMONS OF **PRINCESS ZELDA**, THE YOUNG WARRIOR, **LINK**, BRAVELY STORMED **HYRULE CASTLE** AND RESCUED HER FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE EVIL WIZARD **AGAHNIM**. LINK'S HEROIC EFFORTS TO DEFEND HER WERE **FUTILE**, HOWEVER AS THE WIZARD SOON FOUND AND **RECAPTURED** HER. NOW, LINK SEARCHES FOR THE ONLY WEAPON **POWERFUL** ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HIS FOE. AGAHNIM, **POSING** AS THE **KING**, HAS PLACED A **PRICE** ON LINK'S HEAD...


RRRRUMBLE!!!
WANTED
SWISH!
WANTED
FOR KIDNAPPING
LARGE REWARD
THE KING
BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI

LINK, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS SIGN...
Hmmm... "WANTED FOR KIDNAPPING?"
"LARGE REWARD?..."
THIS IS MORE SERIOUS THAN I THOUGHT!
WANTED
WELL, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!
DON'T MENTION IT. WITH THE KING HAVING GONE OVER TO THE DARK SIDE, I HAVE NO REASON TO TURN YOU IN...


...THIS MARKS THE LOCATION OF SAHASRAHLA THE ELDER'S HOUSE...
I AM CERTAIN HE CAN TELL YOU MORE OF THE MASTER SWORD.
HE IS A DESCENDANT OF ONE OF THE SEVEN WISE MEN WHO SEALED THE GOLDEN LAND SO LONG AGO.
AND WITH THE MASTER SWORD I CAN DEFEAT AGAHNIM, RIGHT?
THAT'S A QUESTION FOR SAHASRAHLA. MY ADVICE IS THAT YOU FIND HIM BEFORE THE WIZARD'S MEN FIND YOU!
Hmmm...
EXCUSE ME, BUT DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAHASRAHLA'S HOUSE?
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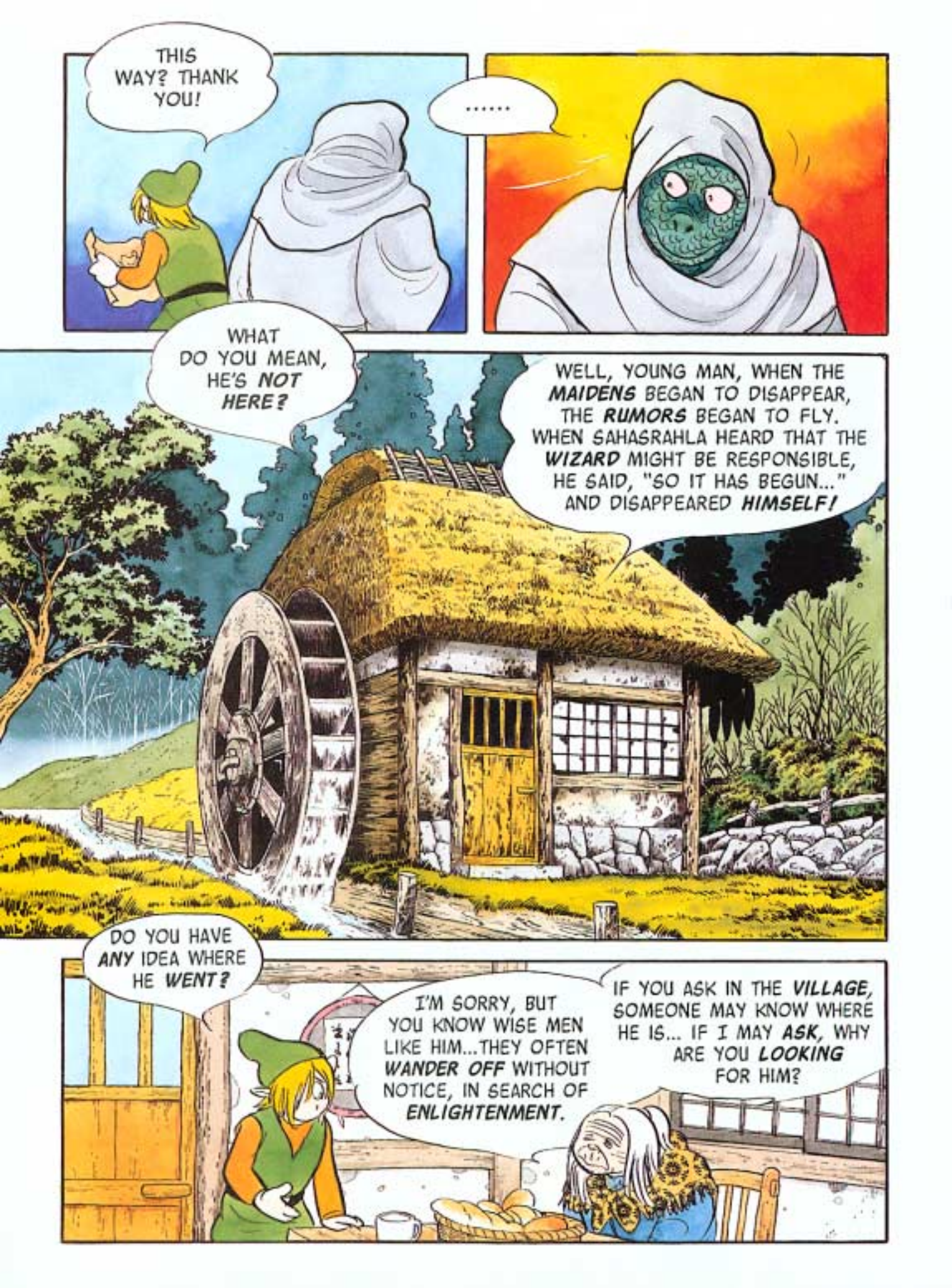
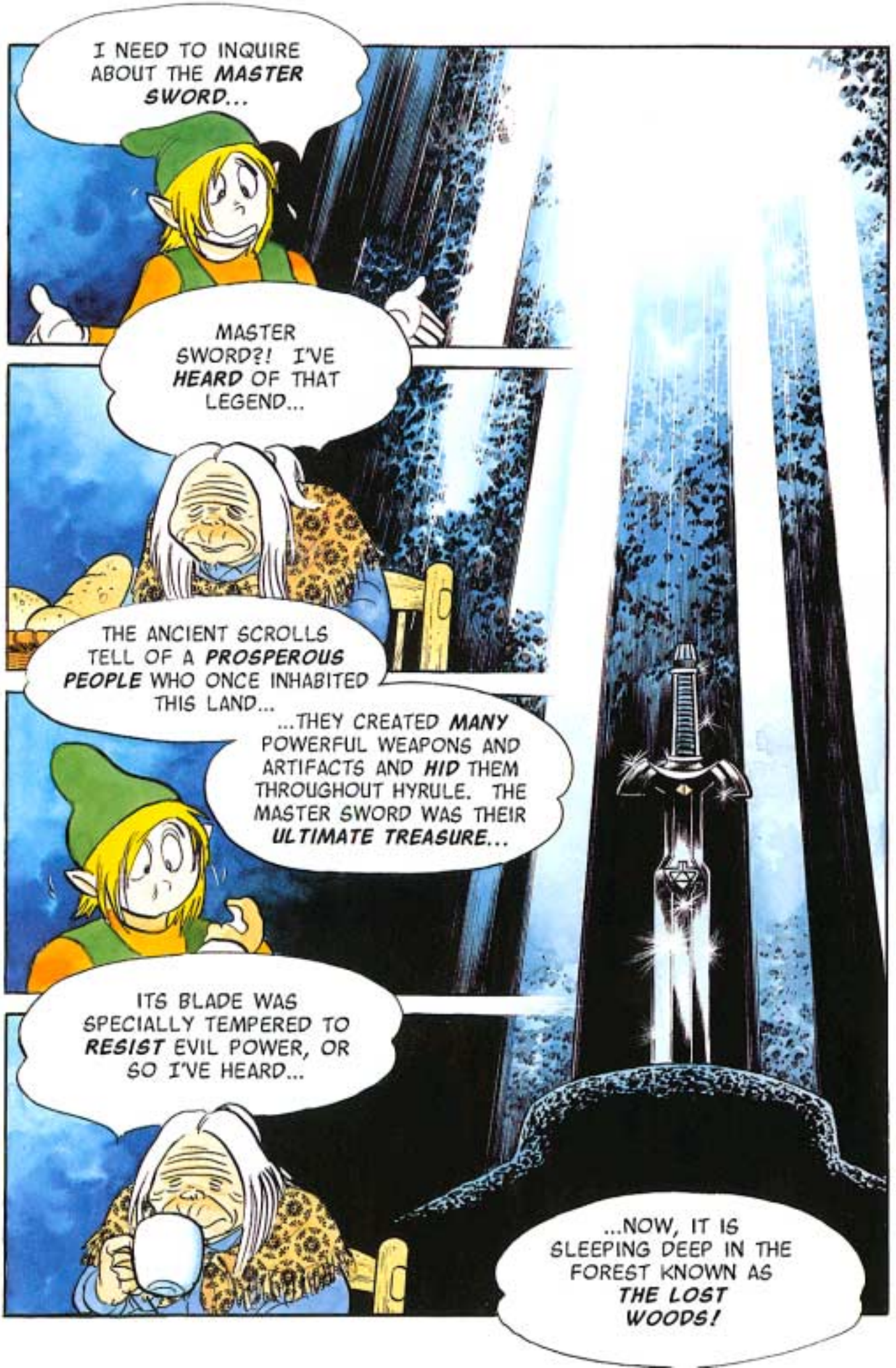
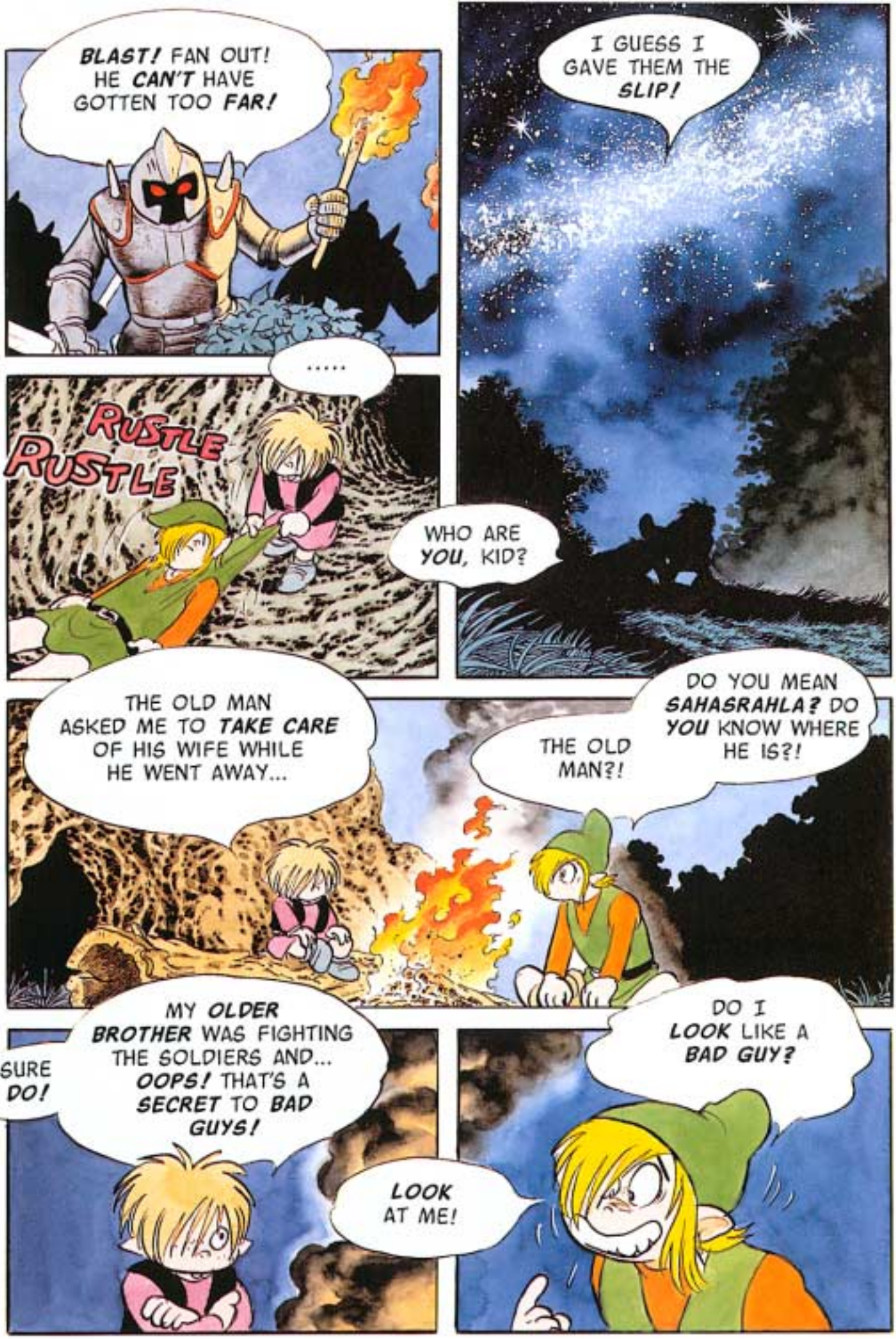
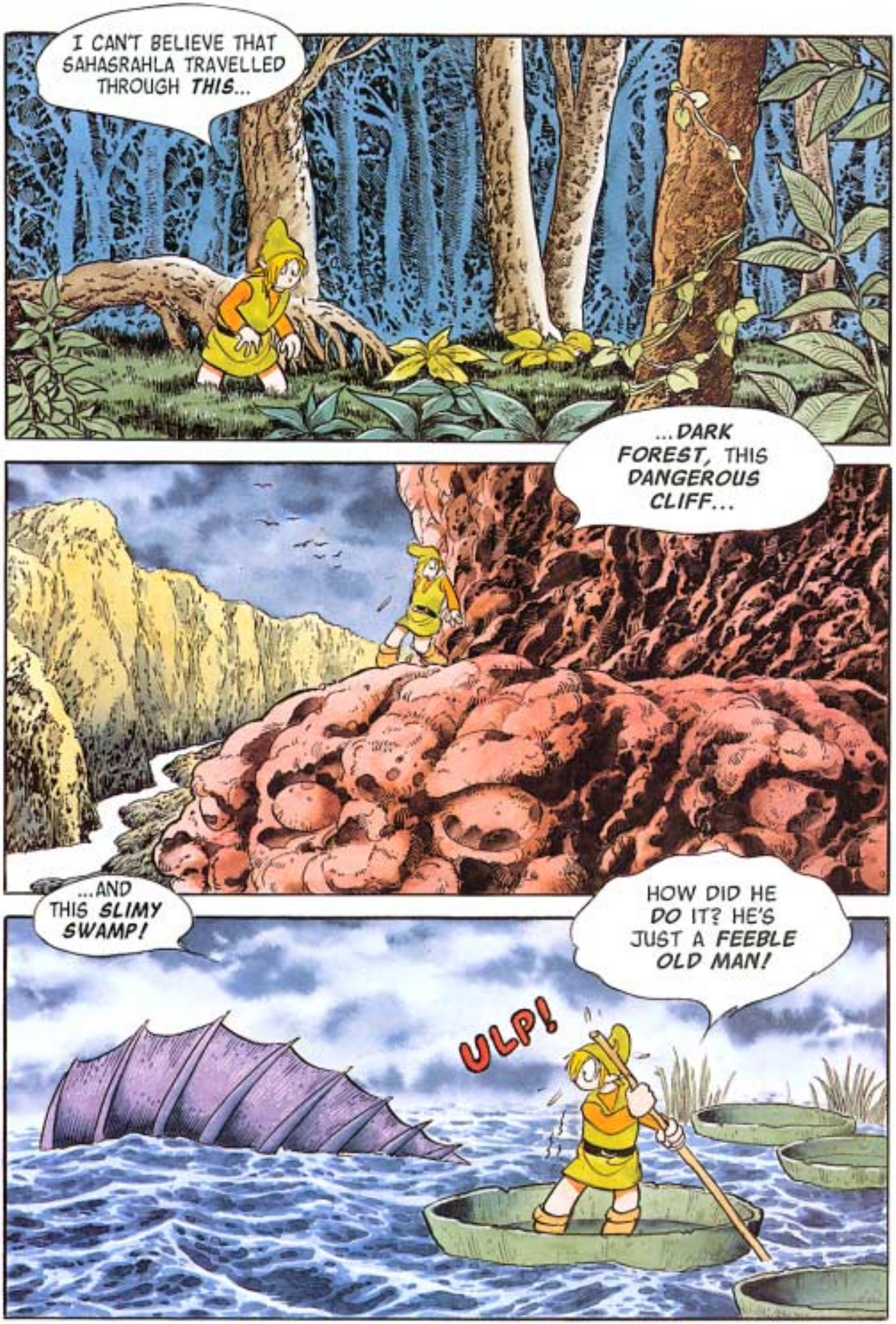

THIS WAY? THANK YOU!
.....
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HE'S *NOT HERE?*
WELL, YOUNG MAN, WHEN THE *MAIDENS* BEGAN TO DISAPPEAR, THE *RUMORS* BEGAN TO FLY. WHEN SAHASRAHLA HEARD THAT THE *WIZARD* MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE, HE SAID, "SO IT HAS BEGUN..." AND DISAPPEARED *HIMSELF!*
DO YOU HAVE *ANY* IDEA WHERE HE *WENT?*
I'M SORRY, BUT YOU KNOW WISE MEN LIKE HIM...THEY OFTEN *WANDER OFF* WITHOUT NOTICE, IN SEARCH OF *ENLIGHTENMENT.*
IF YOU ASK IN THE *VILLAGE,* SOMEONE MAY KNOW WHERE HE IS... IF I MAY *ASK,* WHY ARE YOU *LOOKING* FOR HIM?


I NEED TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE MASTER SWORD...
MASTER SWORD?! I'VE HEARD OF THAT LEGEND...
THE ANCIENT SCROLLS TELL OF A PROSPEROUS PEOPLE WHO ONCE INHABITED THIS LAND...
...THEY CREATED MANY POWERFUL WEAPONS AND ARTIFACTS AND HID THEM THROUGHOUT HYRULE. THE MASTER SWORD WAS THEIR ULTIMATE TREASURE...
ITS BLADE WAS SPECIALLY TEMPERED TO RESIST EVIL POWER, OR SO I'VE HEARD...
...NOW, IT IS SLEEPING DEEP IN THE FOREST KNOWN AS THE LOST WOODS!

HEY! IT'S HIM!
YOU ARE UNDER ARREST BY ORDER OF THE KING!
GET MOVING!
WHOOM!!
IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO GO PEACEFULLY, YOU'RE MAD!
YEOW!!
K-K-K-KRACK!

SWOOOSH!
SWOOOSH!
THUNK!
WHOA!
WOOOOOSH!
WHERE'D HE GET TO?
LIGHT A TORCH! IT'S GETTING TOO DARK TO SEE ANYTHING!


BLAST! FAN OUT! HE CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN TOO FAR!
I GUESS I GAVE THEM THE SLIP!
.....
RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHO ARE YOU, KID?
THE OLD MAN ASKED ME TO TAKE CARE OF HIS WIFE WHILE HE WENT AWAY...
THE OLD MAN?!
DO YOU MEAN SAHASRAHLA? DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS?!
SURE DO!
MY OLDER BROTHER WAS FIGHTING THE SOLDIERS AND... OOPS! THAT'S A SECRET TO BAD GUYS!
LOOK AT ME!
DO I LOOK LIKE A BAD GUY?

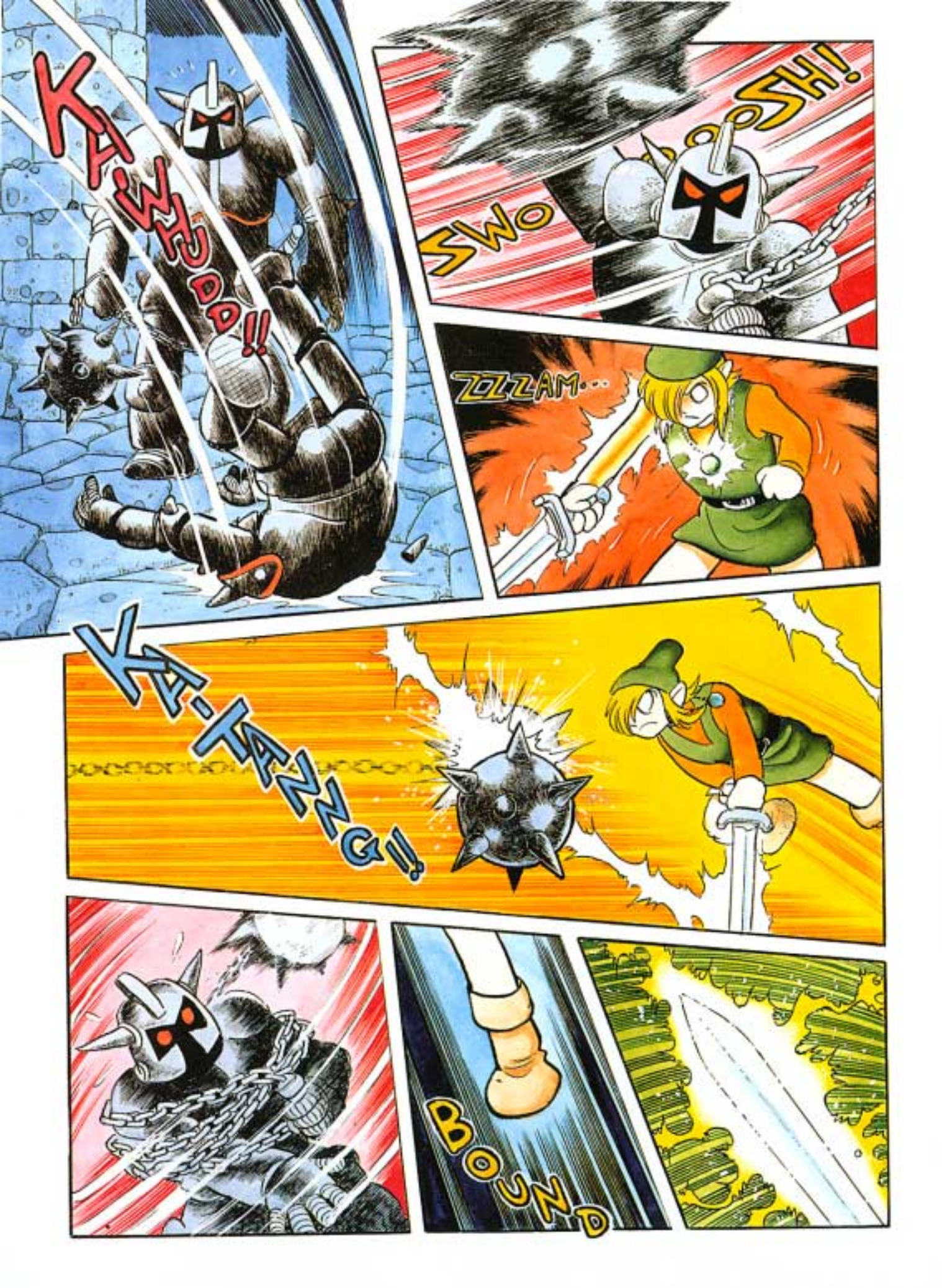

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SAHASRAHLA TRAVELLED THROUGH *THIS*...
...*DARK FOREST*, THIS *DANGEROUS CLIFF*...
...AND THIS *SLIMY SWAMP!*
HOW DID HE *DO* IT? HE'S JUST A *FEEBLE OLD MAN!*
ULP!

THIS MUST BE *IT*...
...THE *EASTERN PALACE* WHERE HE'S HIDING OUT...
NOT MORE *CLIMBING*...!
≥HUFF... PUFF...≤
...THAT... BETTER...BE... *HIM*...

YOU'RE SAHASRAHLA, AREN'T YOU...? MY NAME IS *LINK*...I'M LOOKING FOR THE MASTER SWORD SO I CAN *DEFEAT* AGAHNIM AND *RESCUE* PRINCESS ZELDA...I HEARD *YOU* KNOW WHERE IT *IS!*
YES...I AM *INDEED* SAHASRAHLA!

BUT YOU...YOU ARE JUST A BOY...I CANNOT BELIEVE A YOUNGSTER LIKE YOU IS LOOKING FOR THE MASTER SWORD!
NOT JUST ANYONE CAN USE THAT MIGHTY BLADE!
UHH...DON'T JUDGE ME BY MY SIZE! I MUST FIND IT!
THE ANCIENT LEGEND SAYS: "THE HERO WILL COME ON CATACLYSM'S EVE, BEARING THREE SYMBOLS OF VIRTUE. THE MASTER SWORD HE WILL THEN RETRIEVE, KEEPING THE KNIGHT'S LINE TRUE."
HMPH...
"...THREE SYMBOLS OF VIRTUE!?"
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT ARE THEY?
THE SYMBOLS ARE THE LEGENDARY PENDANTS OF VIRTUE. I CAN HELP YOU WITH THE PENDANT OF COURAGE...
KLACK
BUT FINDING THE REMAINING TWO PENDANTS IS NOT A QUEST TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY...
...DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK, YOUNG MAN?
OF COURSE! BESIDES, I PROMISED ZELDA!

...AND...
I HAVE TO BRING AGAHNIM TO *JUSTICE* FOR WHAT HE DID TO MY UNCLE!!
.....
.....!
CLICK!
HERE THEY ARE!
HAND OVER THE *BOY*, OLD MAN!
SILENCE, IMPUDENT FOOL! WE ARE ON THE *KING'S* BUSINESS!
NAB!
SUCH CONDUCT IS *UNBECOMING* THIS PLACE...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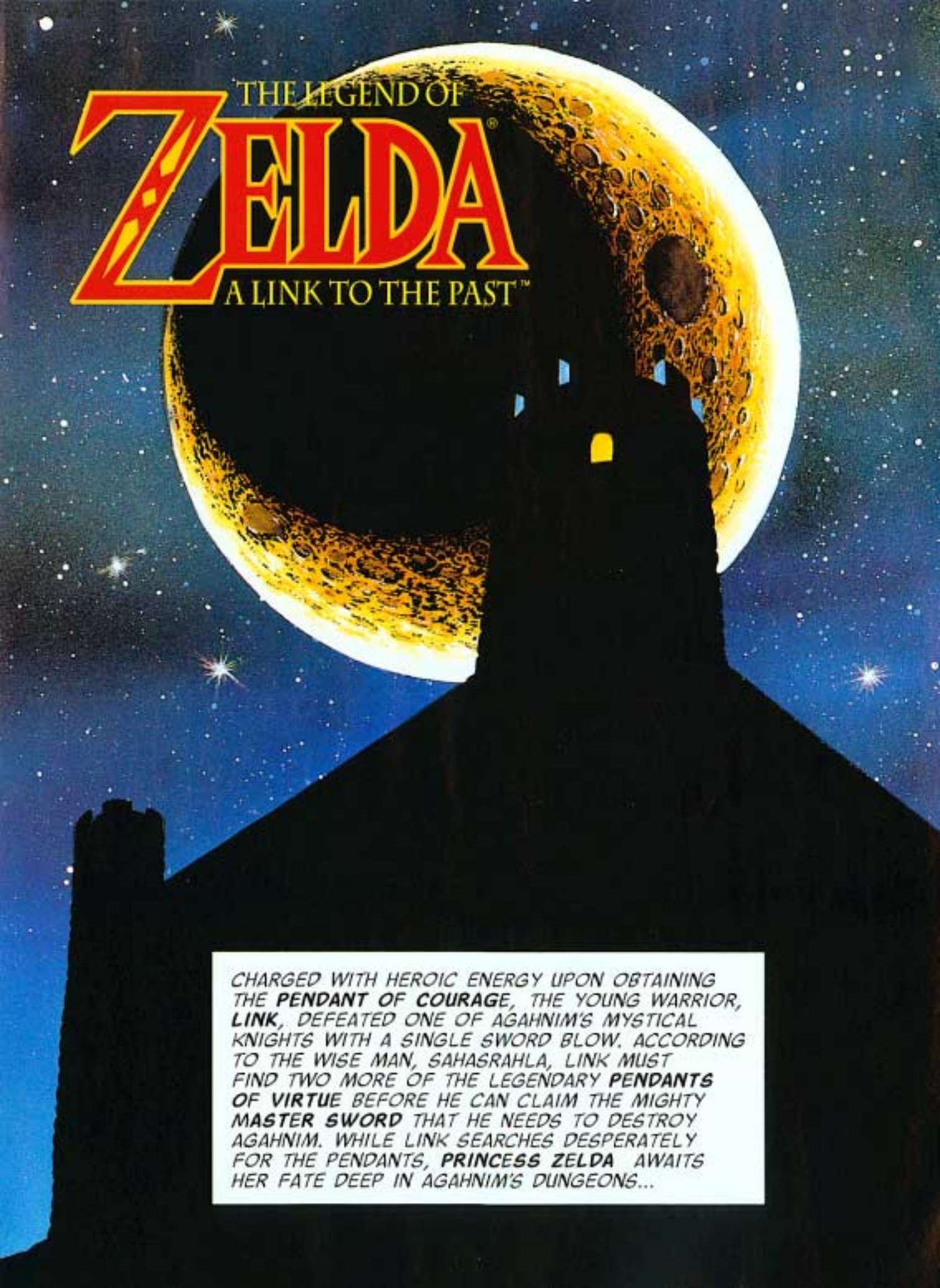
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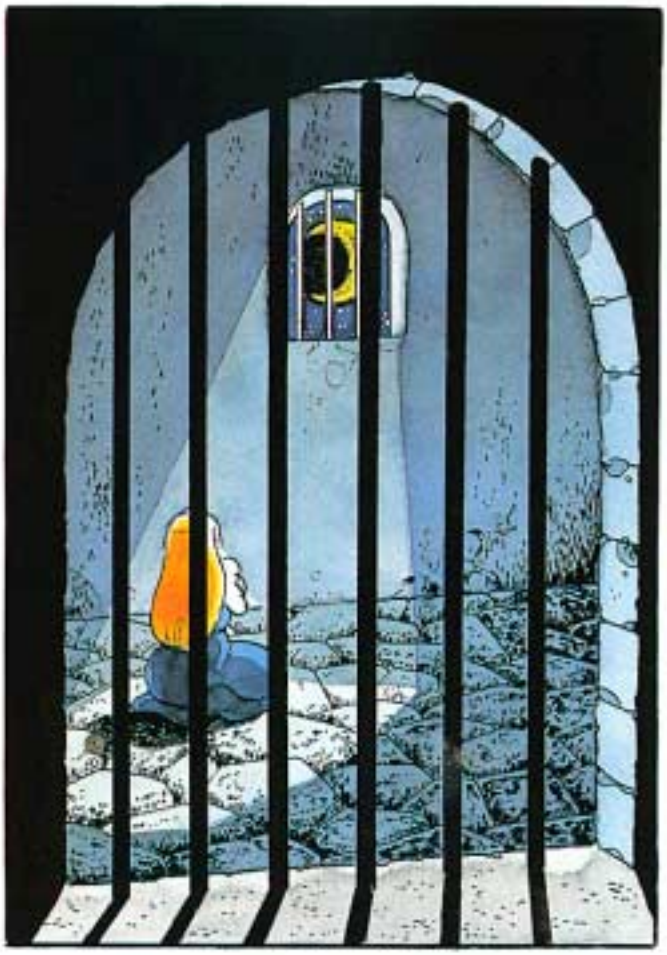
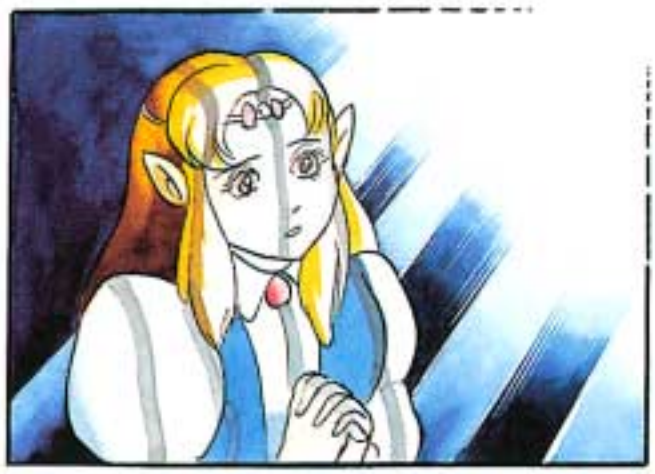
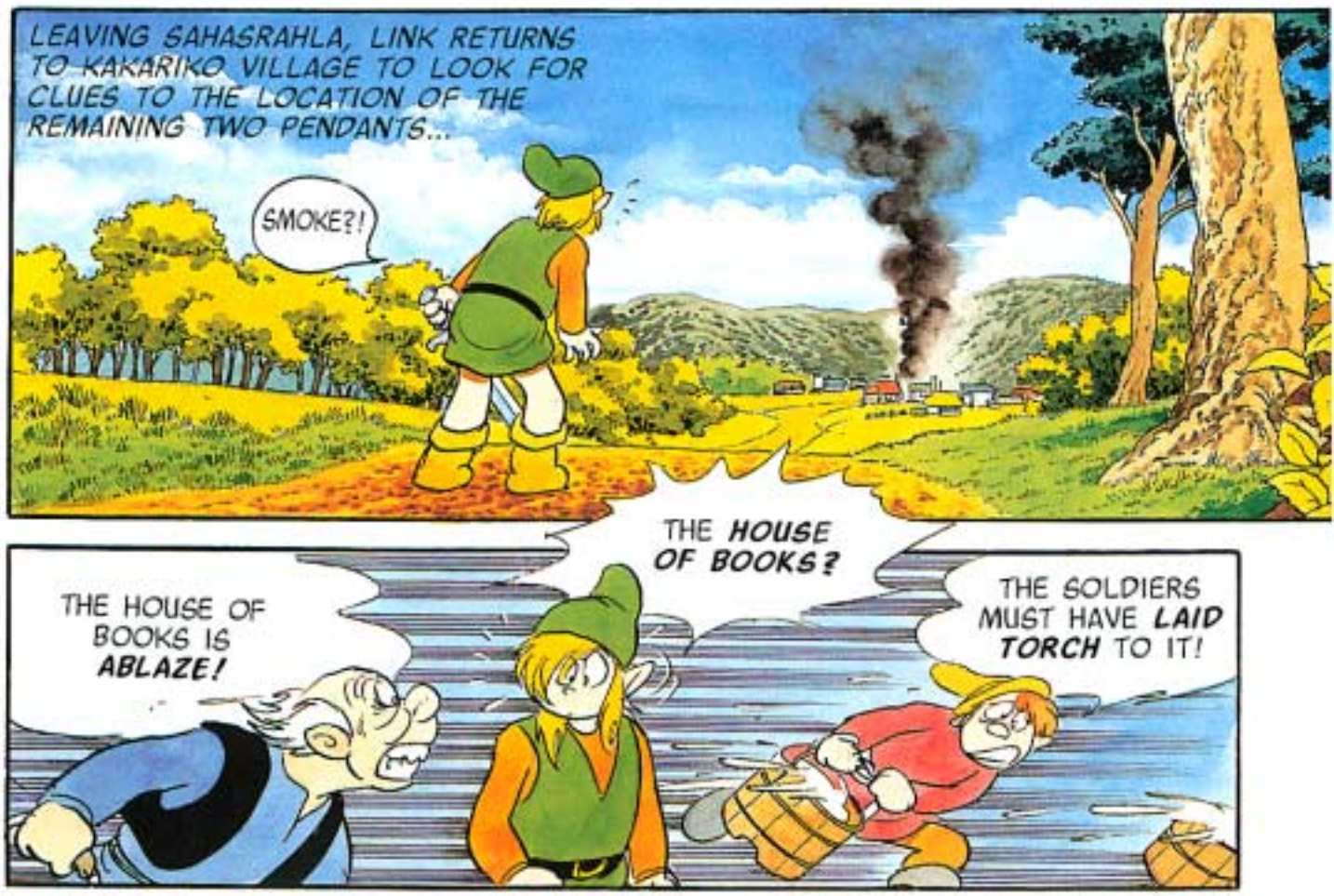
CHARGED WITH HEROIC ENERGY UPON OBTAINING THE **PENDANT OF COURAGE**, THE YOUNG WARRIOR, **LINK**, DEFEATED ONE OF AGAHNIM'S MYSTICAL KNIGHTS WITH A SINGLE SWORD BLOW. ACCORDING TO THE WISE MAN, SAHASRAHLA, LINK MUST FIND TWO MORE OF THE LEGENDARY **PENDANTS OF VIRTUE** BEFORE HE CAN CLAIM THE MIGHTY **MASTER SWORD** THAT HE NEEDS TO DESTROY AGAHNIM. WHILE LINK SEARCHES DESPERATELY FOR THE PENDANTS, **PRINCESS ZELDA** AWAITS HER FATE DEEP IN AGAHNIM'S DUNGEONS...

CHAPTER THREE
THE BOOK OF MUDORA
BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI
DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT THE BOY HAS THE PENDANT OF COURAGE?!
AND YOU WEAKLINGS CAME BACK HERE WITHOUT STOPPING HIM?
...I HAVE TRIED TO BE MERCIFUL TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS KINGDOM, BUT THOSE IN THE KNIGHT'S LINE...
...THEY MUST BE TERMINATED!

I THOUGHT THE OLD FOOL I DESTROYED IN THE CASTLE WAS THE *LAST* ONE!
COULD IT BE THE WHELP IS *ALSO* OF THEIR BLOODLINE?
FIND HIM! AND LEAVE *NO STONE* UNTURNED IN YOUR SEARCH!
DO *NOT* RETURN TO THIS CASTLE UNTIL YOU WITNESS HIS *LAST BREATH!*
IS THAT *UNDER-STOOD?*
YES, MASTER!
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE...THE *WORLD* WILL BE OURS WHEN THE MOON IS *FULL* AND I CAST THE *FINAL INCANTATION* ON PRINCESS ZELDA...
THE PROPHECY OF THE LEGENDARY *HERO* IS BUT A *FOLKTALE*...

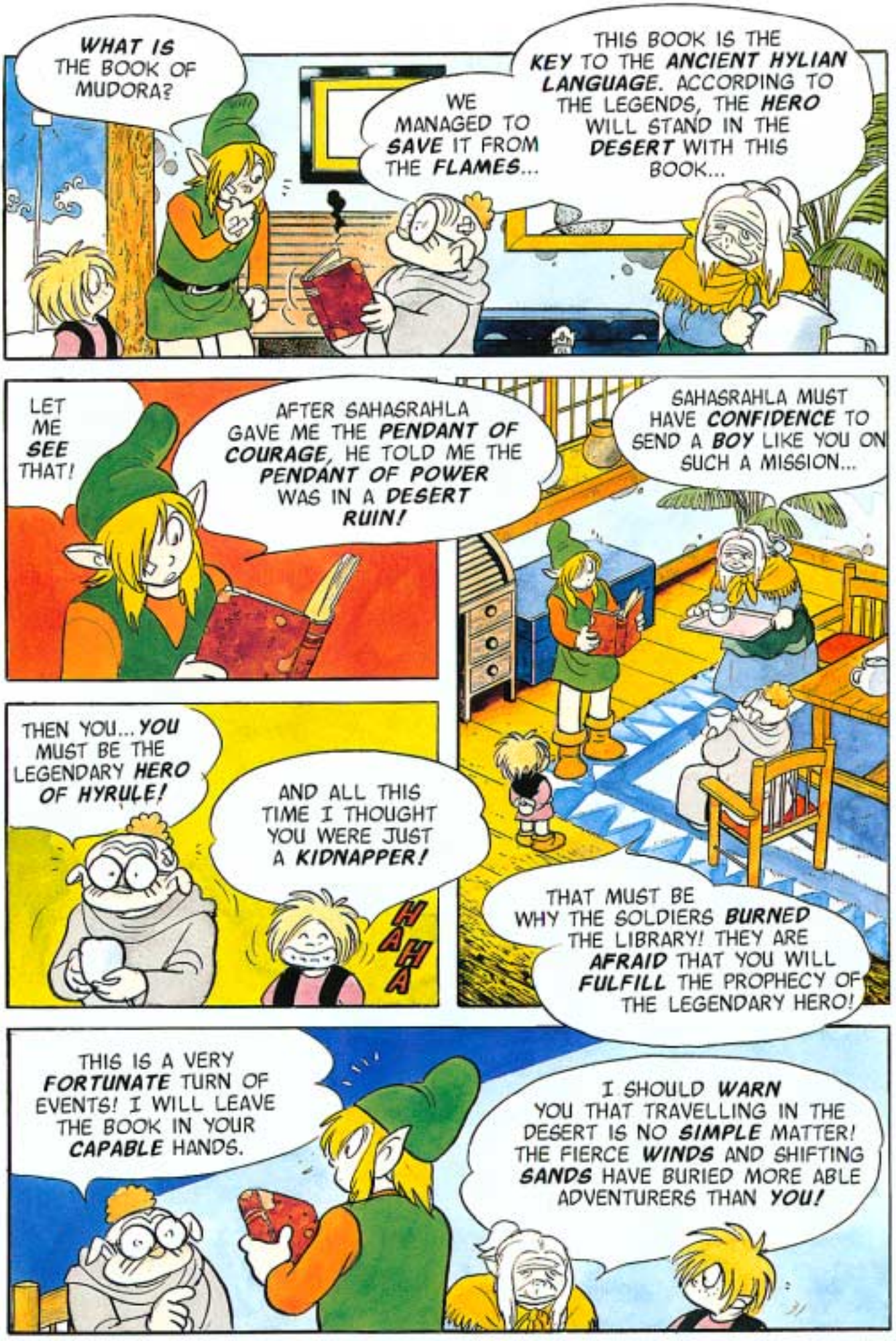


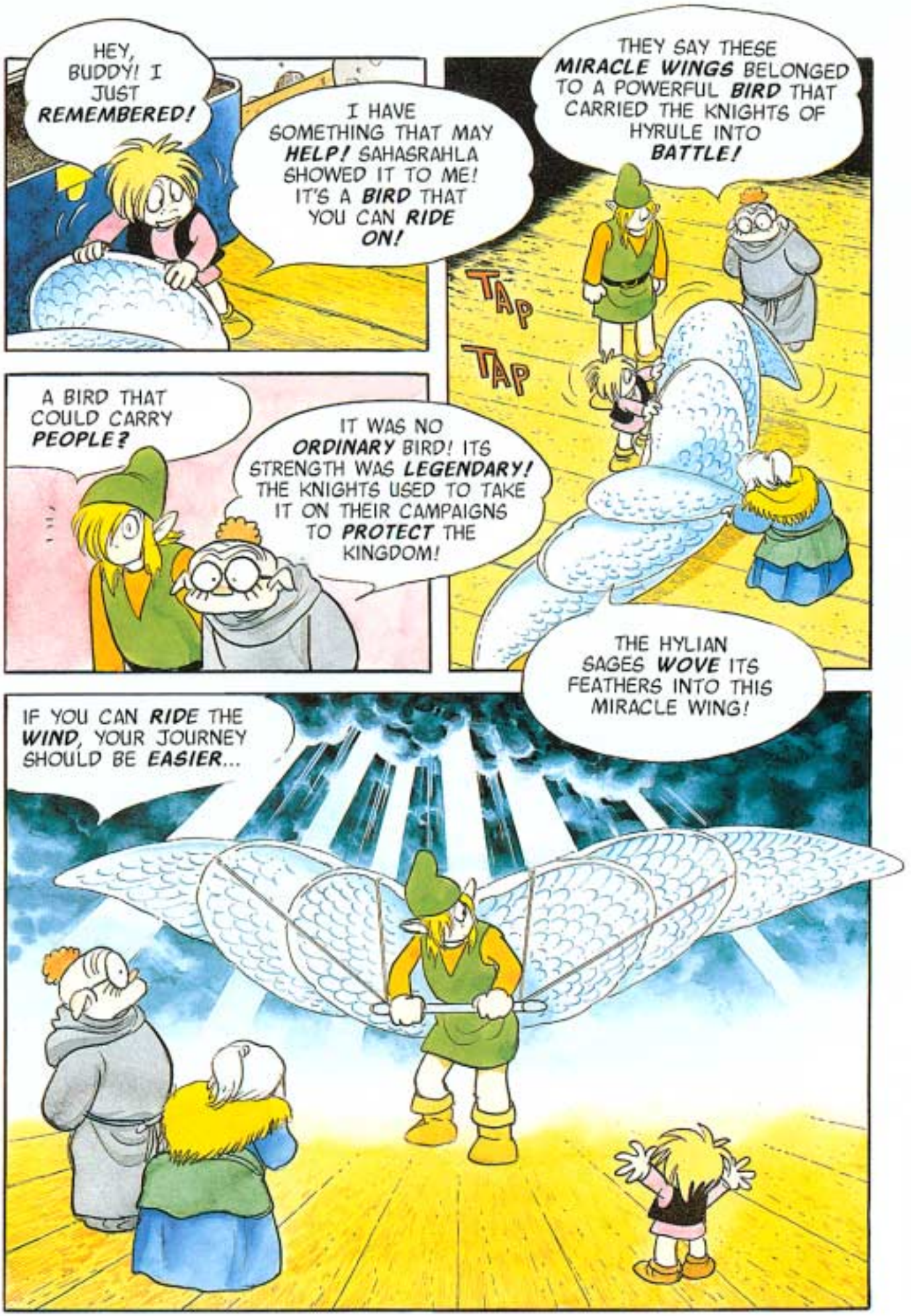



LEAVING SAHASRAHLA, LINK RETURNS TO KAKARIKO VILLAGE TO LOOK FOR CLUES TO THE LOCATION OF THE REMAINING TWO PENDANTS...
SMOKE?!
THE HOUSE OF BOOKS IS ABLAZE!
THE HOUSE OF BOOKS?
THE SOLDIERS MUST HAVE LAID TORCH TO IT!

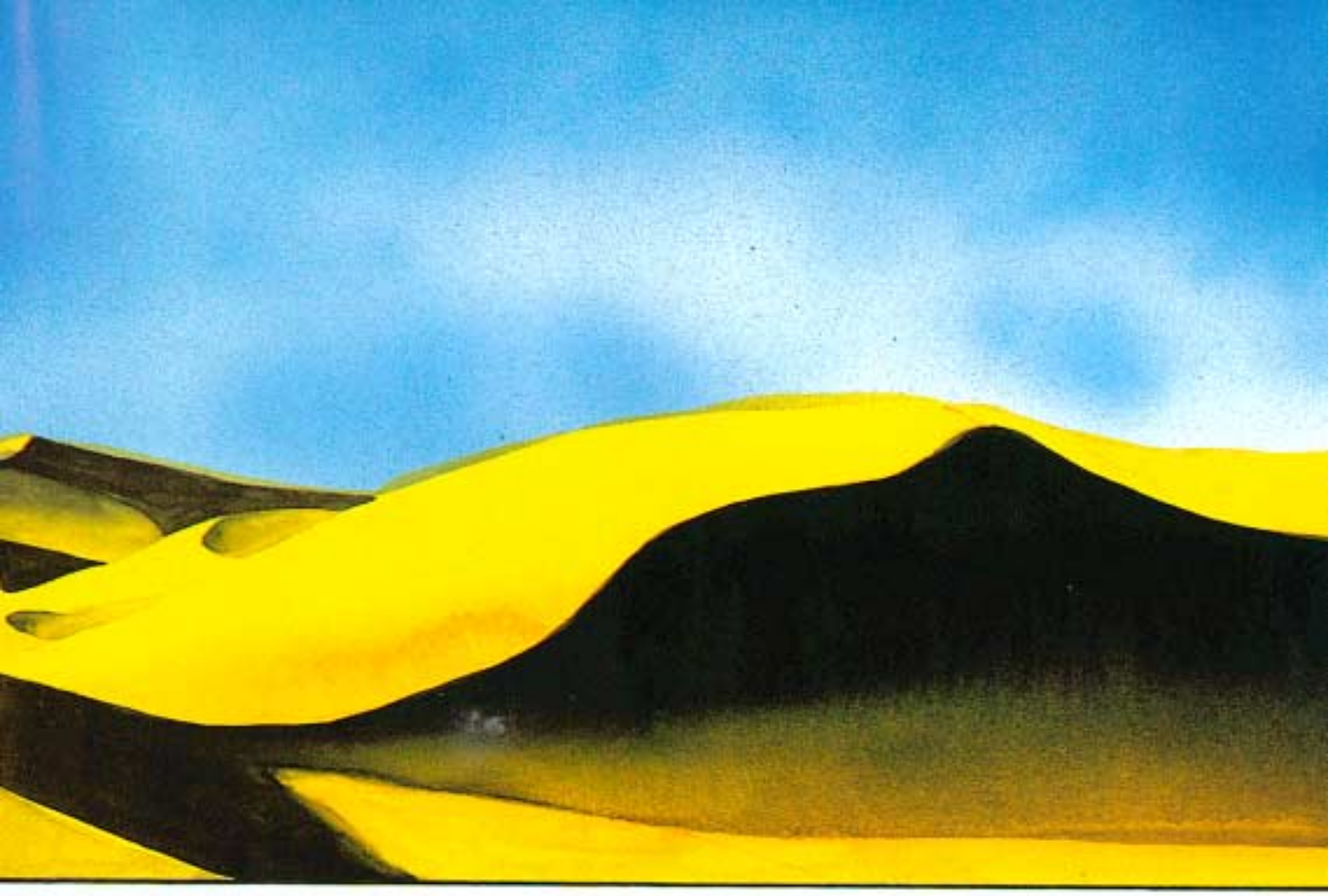
FWOOOOSH!
HEY! AREN'T YOU THE KID...
MISTER, YOU GOTTA HELP! THE LIBRARIAN IS TRAPPED INSIDE!
HE'S INSIDE THAT INFERNO?! SAHASRAHLA SAID I MUST SPEAK WITH HIM!!
OMIGOSH!
I'LL SAVE HIM!
SPLASH!
FWOOOOSH!
CRACKLE CRACKLE
WAIT HERE!

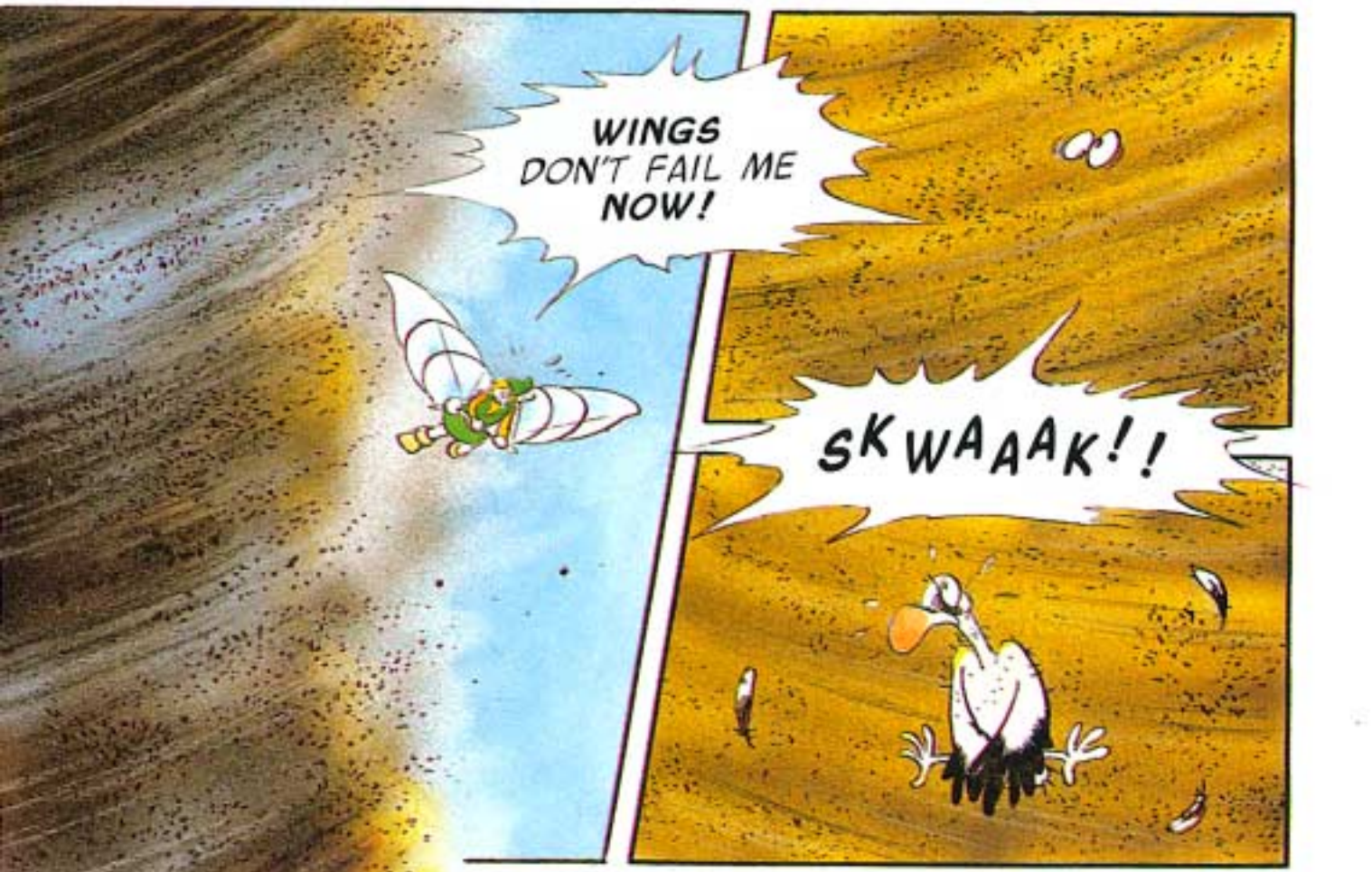
HEY!!
WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?
I HOPE HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING!
MISTER! YOU SAVED HIM!
WHEW!
THUD!
WHY WOULD THEY SET FIRE TO OUR LIBRARY?
GRRRICK...
CRRRICK...
PERHAPS THEIR TARGET WAS THE BOOK OF MUDORA...


WHAT IS THE BOOK OF MUDORA?
WE MANAGED TO SAVE IT FROM THE FLAMES...
THIS BOOK IS THE KEY TO THE ANCIENT HYLIAN LANGUAGE. ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS, THE HERO WILL STAND IN THE DESERT WITH THIS BOOK...
LET ME SEE THAT!
AFTER SAHASRAHLA GAVE ME THE PENDANT OF COURAGE, HE TOLD ME THE PENDANT OF POWER WAS IN A DESERT RUIN!
SAHASRAHLA MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE TO SEND A BOY LIKE YOU ON SUCH A MISSION...
THEN YOU... YOU MUST BE THE LEGENDARY HERO OF HYRULE!
AND ALL THIS TIME I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A KIDNAPPER!
HAHA
THAT MUST BE WHY THE SOLDIERS BURNED THE LIBRARY! THEY ARE AFRAID THAT YOU WILL FULFILL THE PROPHECY OF THE LEGENDARY HERO!
THIS IS A VERY FORTUNATE TURN OF EVENTS! I WILL LEAVE THE BOOK IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS.
I SHOULD WARN YOU THAT TRAVELLING IN THE DESERT IS NO SIMPLE MATTER! THE FIERCE WINDS AND SHIFTING SANDS HAVE BURIED MORE ABLE ADVENTURERS THAN YOU!

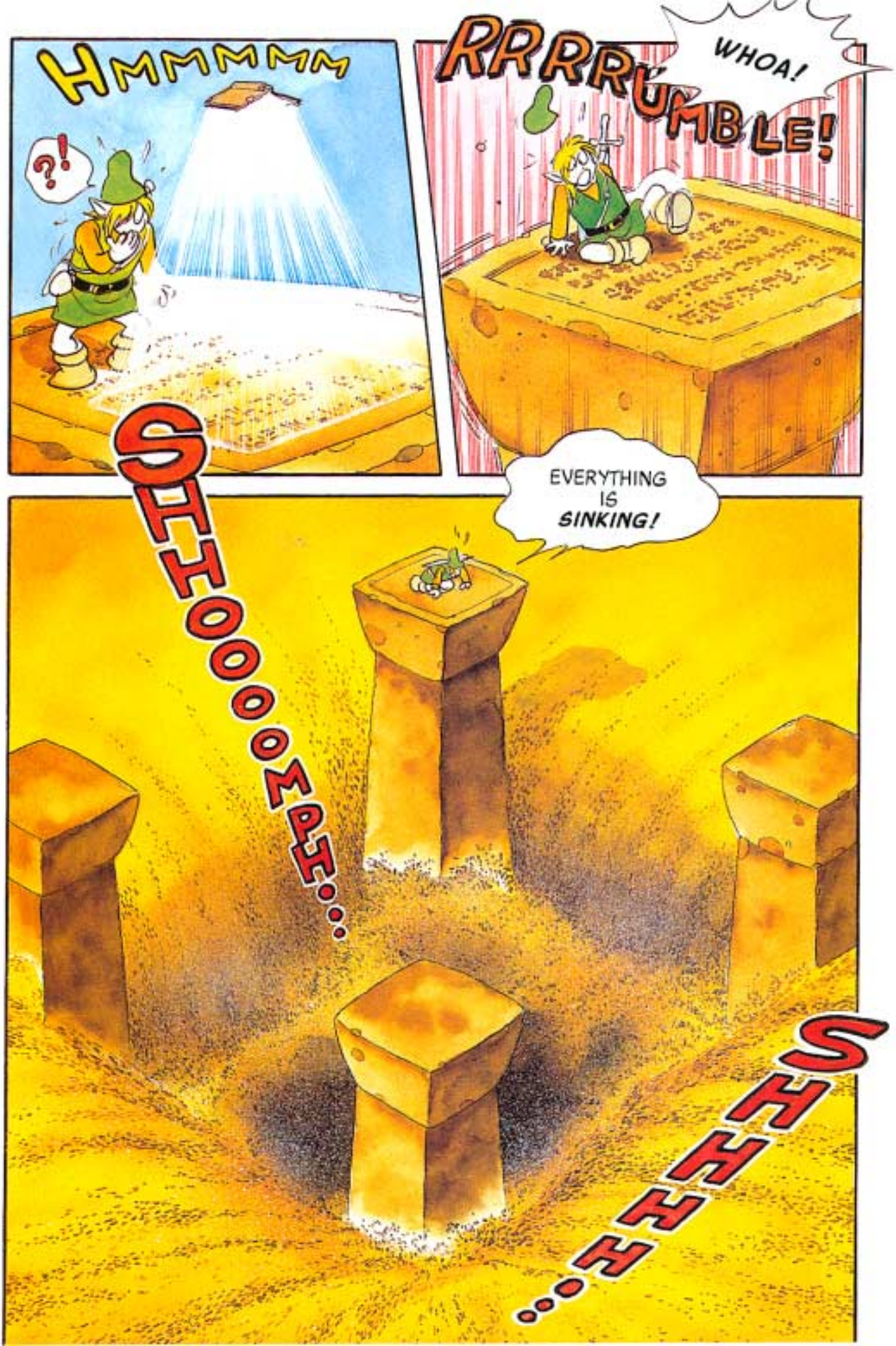

HEY, BUDDY! I JUST REMEMBERED!
I HAVE SOMETHING THAT MAY HELP! SAHASRAHLA SHOWED IT TO ME! IT'S A BIRD THAT YOU CAN RIDE ON!
THEY SAY THESE MIRACLE WINGS BELONGED TO A POWERFUL BIRD THAT CARRIED THE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE INTO BATTLE!
TAP
TAP
A BIRD THAT COULD CARRY PEOPLE?
IT WAS NO ORDINARY BIRD! ITS STRENGTH WAS LEGENDARY! THE KNIGHTS USED TO TAKE IT ON THEIR CAMPAIGNS TO PROTECT THE KINGDOM!
THE HYLIAN SAGES WOVE ITS FEATHERS INTO THIS MIRACLE WING!
IF YOU CAN RIDE THE WIND, YOUR JOURNEY SHOULD BE EASIER...

FLYING IS SURE THE WAY TO GO!
BUT WHERE TO?
ALL I CAN SEE IS SAND STRETCHING OUT FOR MILES!
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD!
UH-OH! IT'S A--
--TWISTER!
HWOOOOOSH!!




WINGS DON'T FAIL ME NOW!
SKWAAAK!!

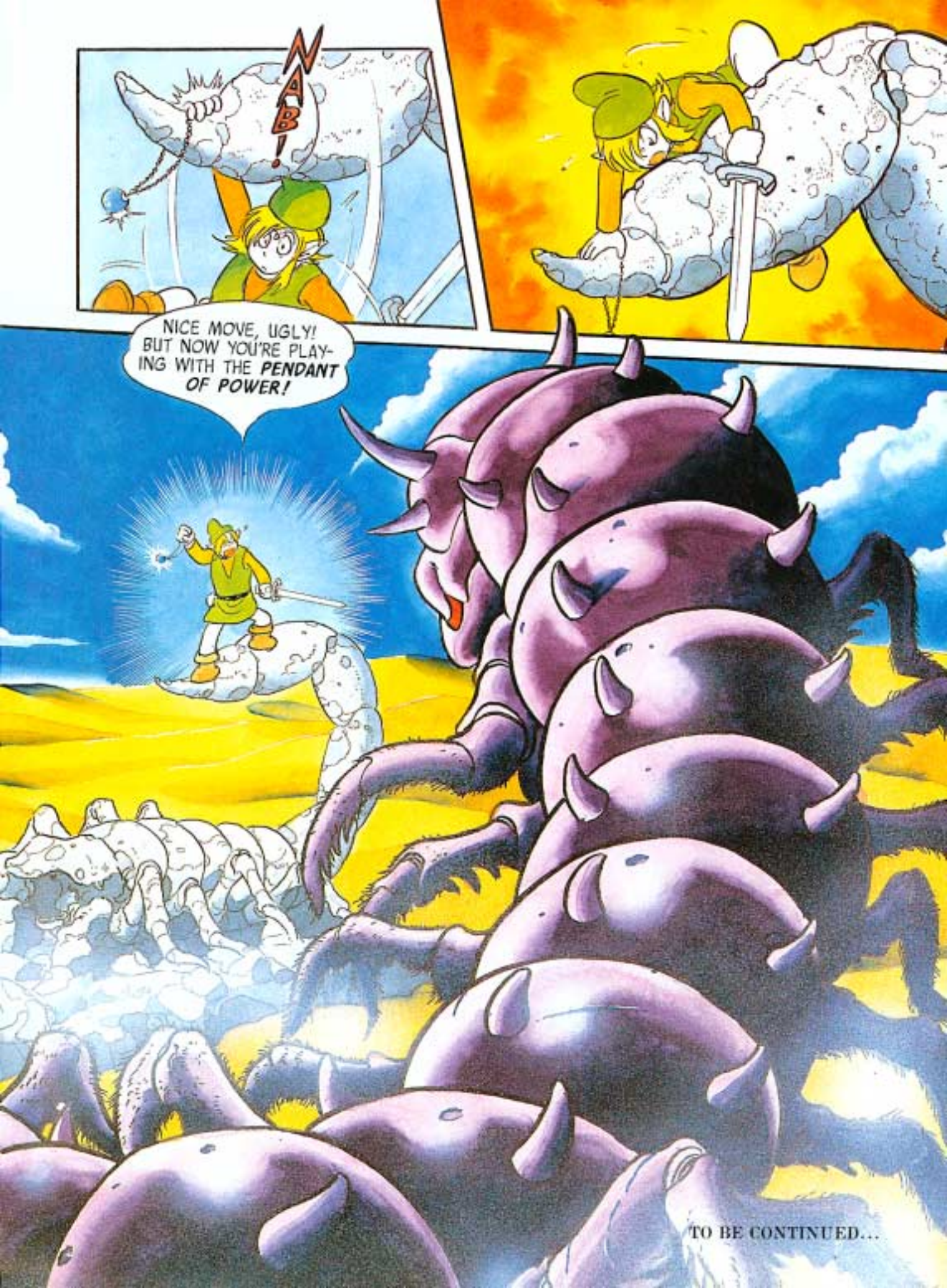
THE DESERT RUINS!
AND THIS MUST BE ANCIENT HYLIAN SCRIPT!
THE BOOK, THE SCRIPT, THE DESERT... IT'S JUST LIKE IN THE LEGEND!
MAYBE I AM THE LEGENDARY HERO AFTER ALL!
I SUPPOSE IF I LOOK IT UP IN THE BOOK, THE WRITING SHOULD MAKE SENSE...
HEY!
FLAP!
FLAP!


HMMMMM
?!
RRRRUMBLE!
WHOA!
SHHOOOOMPH...
EVERYTHING IS SINKING!
SHHHH...

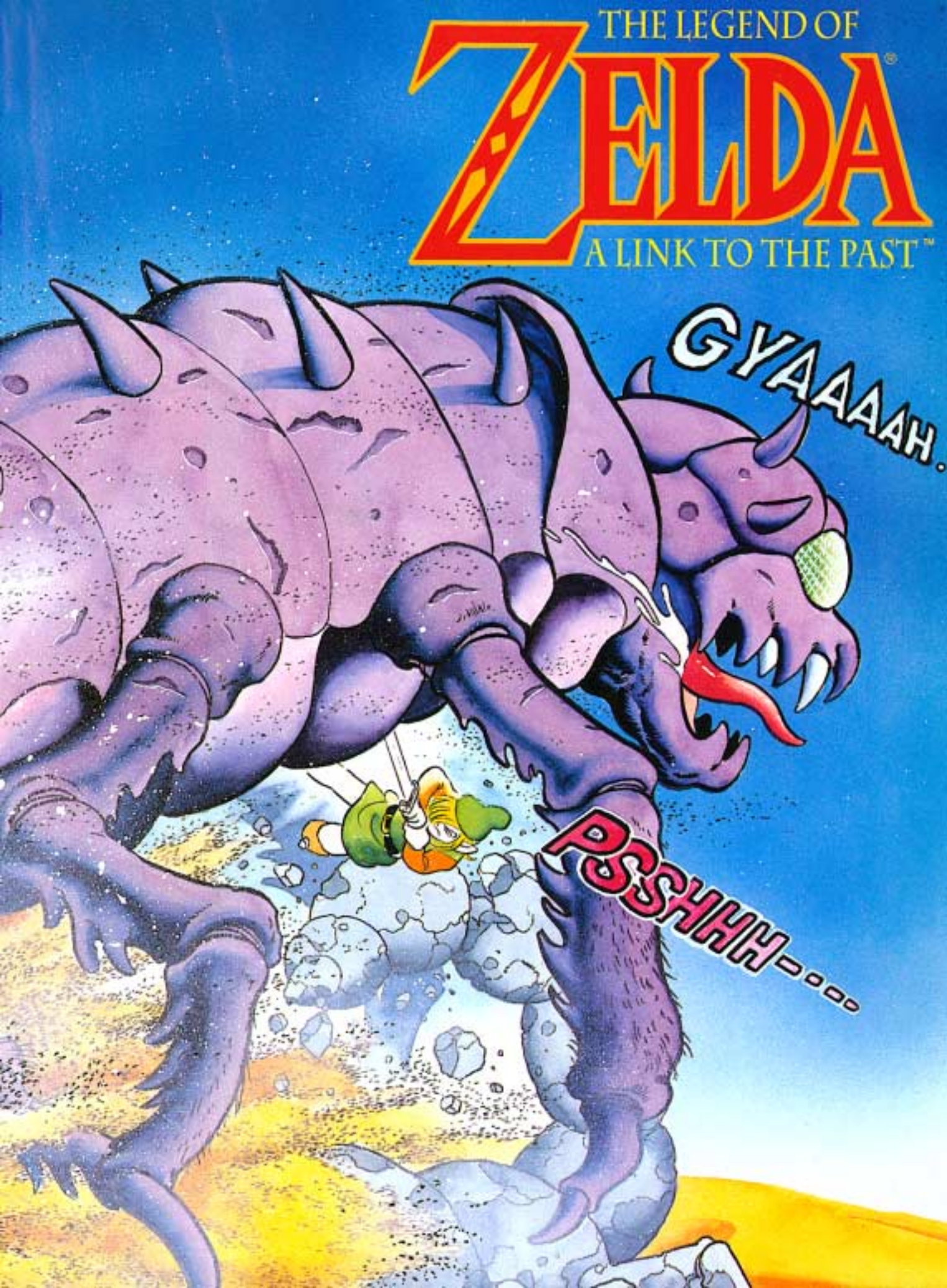
SHIFF SHIFF
WOW!
HANGING ON THAT STRANGE STATUE! IT'S THE PENDANT!
IT SANK BEFORE I COULD...
BUT WHAT'S THAT? IT WASN'T THERE A SECOND AGO!
SAND TRAP!
HELP!
HUH?!
SHLOOP!
SHHHH!

ZOOP!
GASP!
A LANMOLA!!
GRROAR!!

KA-CHUNK!
THWAK!
THIS IS HOPELESS! ITS SKIN IS LIKE ARMOR!!
WAAAAH!
GYAAAH!!


ZAP!
NICE MOVE, UGLY! BUT NOW YOU'RE PLAYING WITH THE PENDANT OF POWER!
TO BE CONTINUED...

CHAPTER FOUR
THE MASTER SWORD
BY SHOTARO ISHINOMORI
I CAN'T CRACK ITS ARMORED SHELL!
IT'S NO USE!
GRRROAARR!
A-HA!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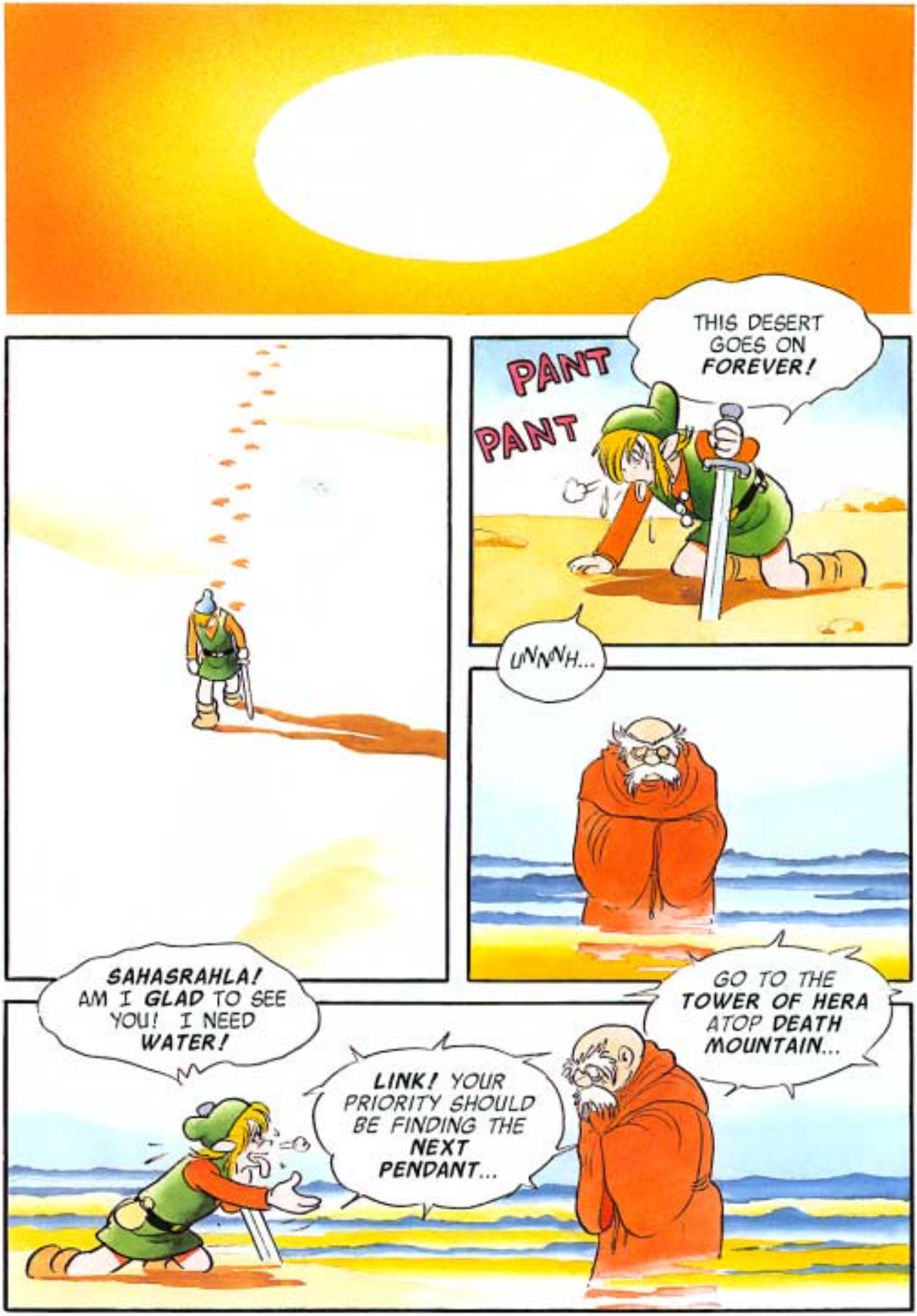
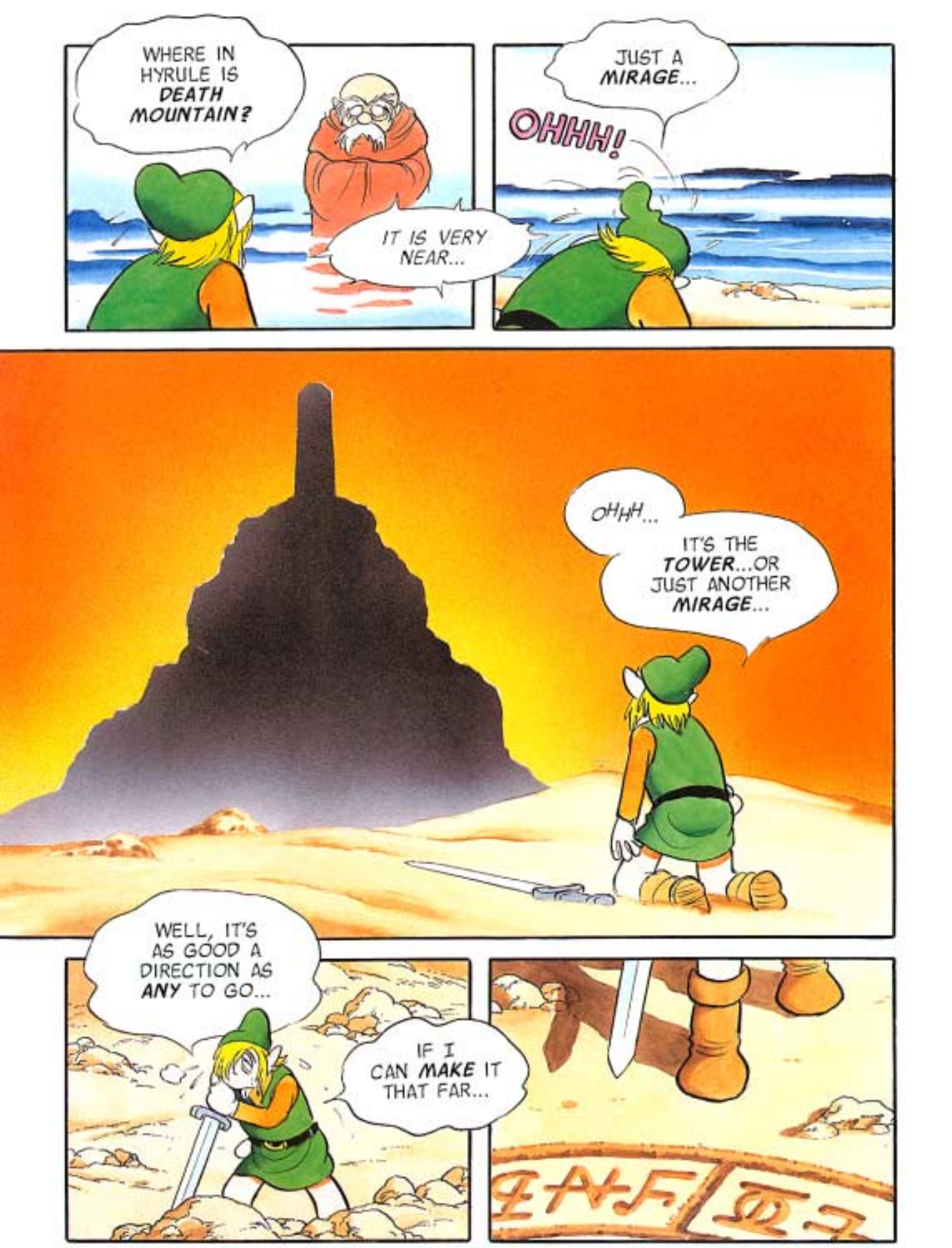
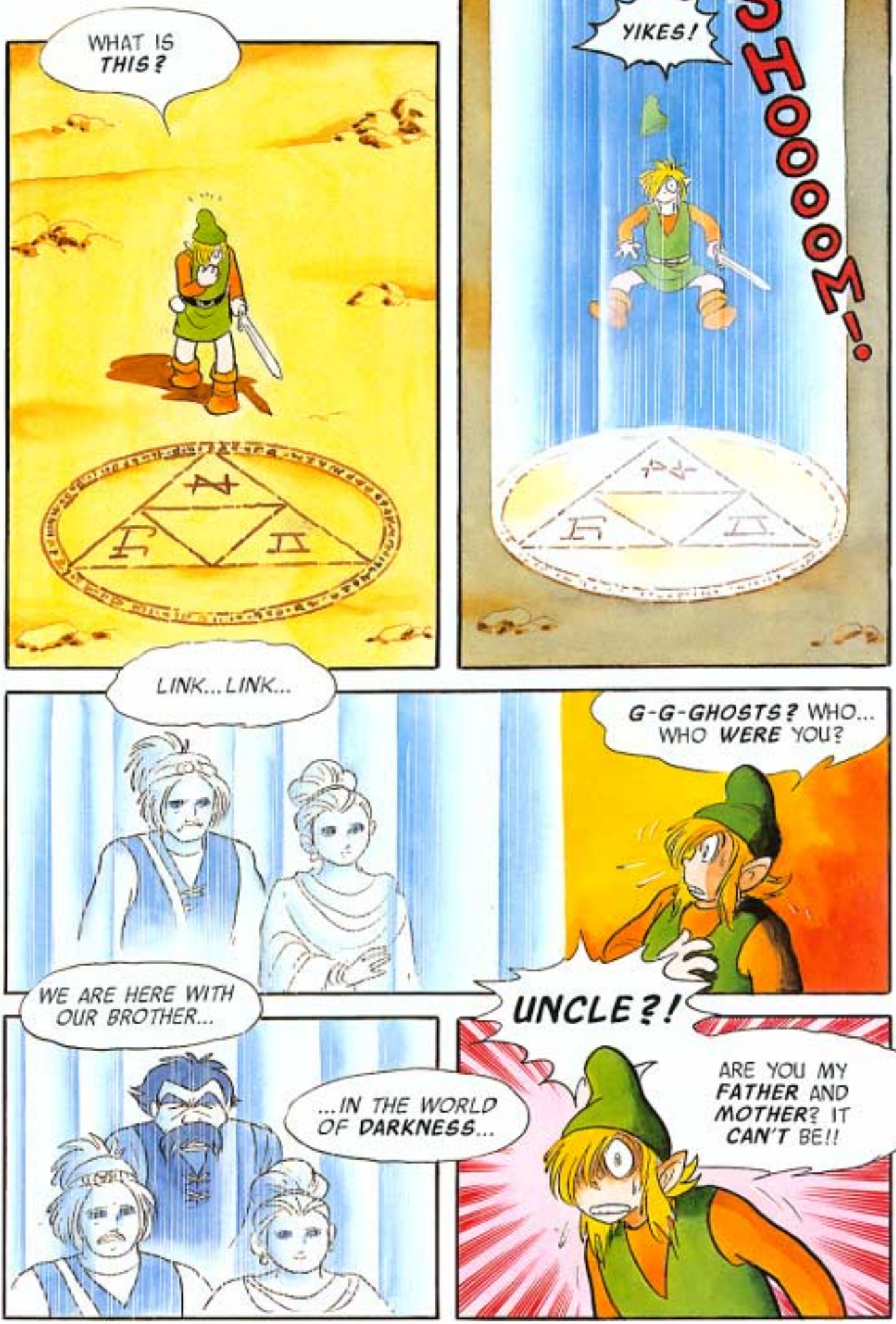
GYAAAAH.
PSSHHH---

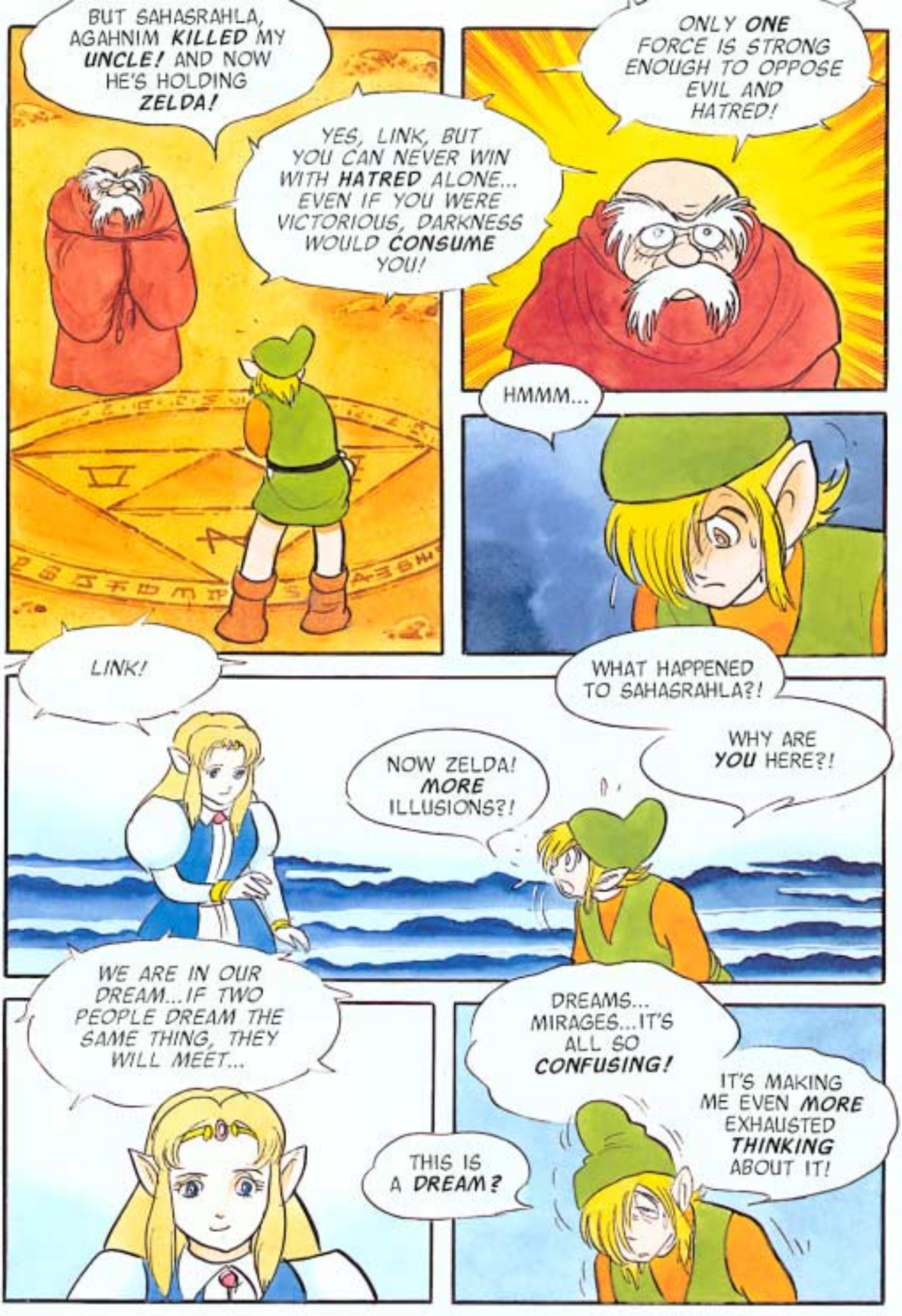
GRROAAN!
IF IT HAS TO BE ME OR HIM...
SHHHH...
IT'S GOING TO BE HIM!
SHHOOP...
GRRRR...

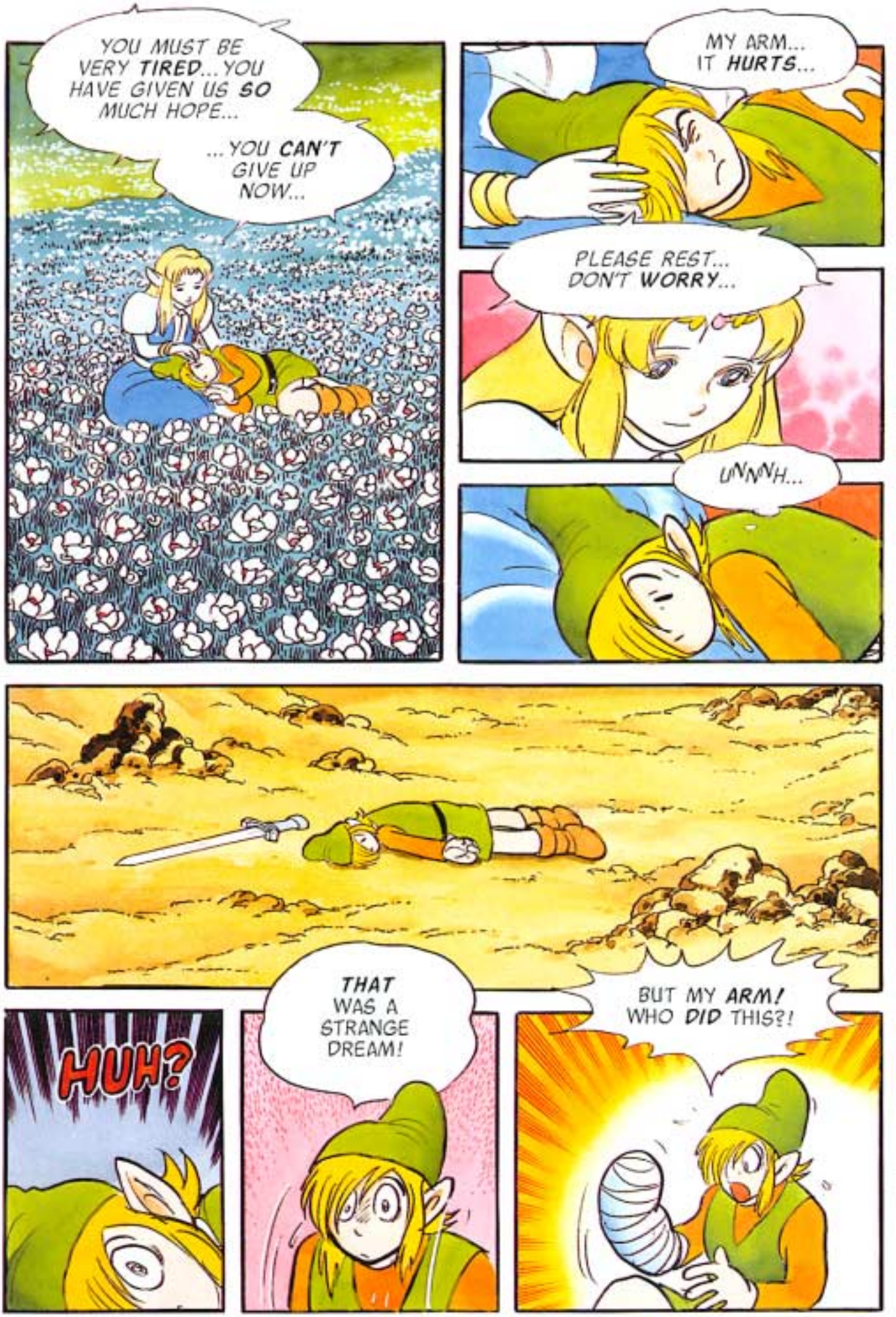

PANT
PANT
THIS DESERT GOES ON FOREVER!
UNNNH...
SAHASRAHLA! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU! I NEED WATER!
LINK! YOUR PRIORITY SHOULD BE FINDING THE NEXT PENDANT...
GO TO THE TOWER OF HERA ATOP DEATH MOUNTAIN...


WHERE IN HYRULE IS DEATH MOUNTAIN?
IT IS VERY NEAR...
JUST A MIRAGE...
OHHH!
OHHH...
IT'S THE TOWER...OR JUST ANOTHER MIRAGE...
WELL, IT'S AS GOOD A DIRECTION AS ANY TO GO...
IF I CAN MAKE IT THAT FAR...


WHAT IS THIS?
YIKES!
SHOOOOM!
LINK... LINK...
G-G-GHOSTS? WHO... WHO WERE YOU?
WE ARE HERE WITH OUR BROTHER...
...IN THE WORLD OF DARKNESS...
UNCLE?!
ARE YOU MY FATHER AND MOTHER? IT CAN'T BE!!

MOTHER...
ZOOOOOO-!
HIDDA-!
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY ARM?!
ARRRGH!!
YOU PENETRATED THE GATE TO THE DARK WORLD... THAT WICKED REALM HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE YOUR BODY TO REFLECT YOUR HEART...
THE EMOTIONS NOW IN YOUR HEART ARE NEGATIVE AND EVIL! YOU NEARLY BECAME A BEAST!


BUT SAHASRAHLA, AGAHNIM KILLED MY UNCLE! AND NOW HE'S HOLDING ZELDA!
YES, LINK, BUT YOU CAN NEVER WIN WITH HATRED ALONE... EVEN IF YOU WERE VICTORIOUS, DARKNESS WOULD CONSUME YOU!
ONLY ONE FORCE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO OPPOSE EVIL AND HATRED!
HMMM...
LINK!
WHAT HAPPENED TO SAHASRAHLA?!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
NOW ZELDA! MORE ILLUSIONS?!
WE ARE IN OUR DREAM...IF TWO PEOPLE DREAM THE SAME THING, THEY WILL MEET...
THIS IS A DREAM?
DREAMS... MIRAGES...IT'S ALL SO CONFUSING!
IT'S MAKING ME EVEN MORE EXHAUSTED THINKING ABOUT IT!


YOU MUST BE VERY TIRED... YOU HAVE GIVEN US SO MUCH HOPE...
...YOU CAN'T GIVE UP NOW...
MY ARM... IT HURTS...
PLEASE REST... DON'T WORRY...
UNNNH...
HUH?
THAT WAS A STRANGE DREAM!
BUT MY ARM! WHO DID THIS?!

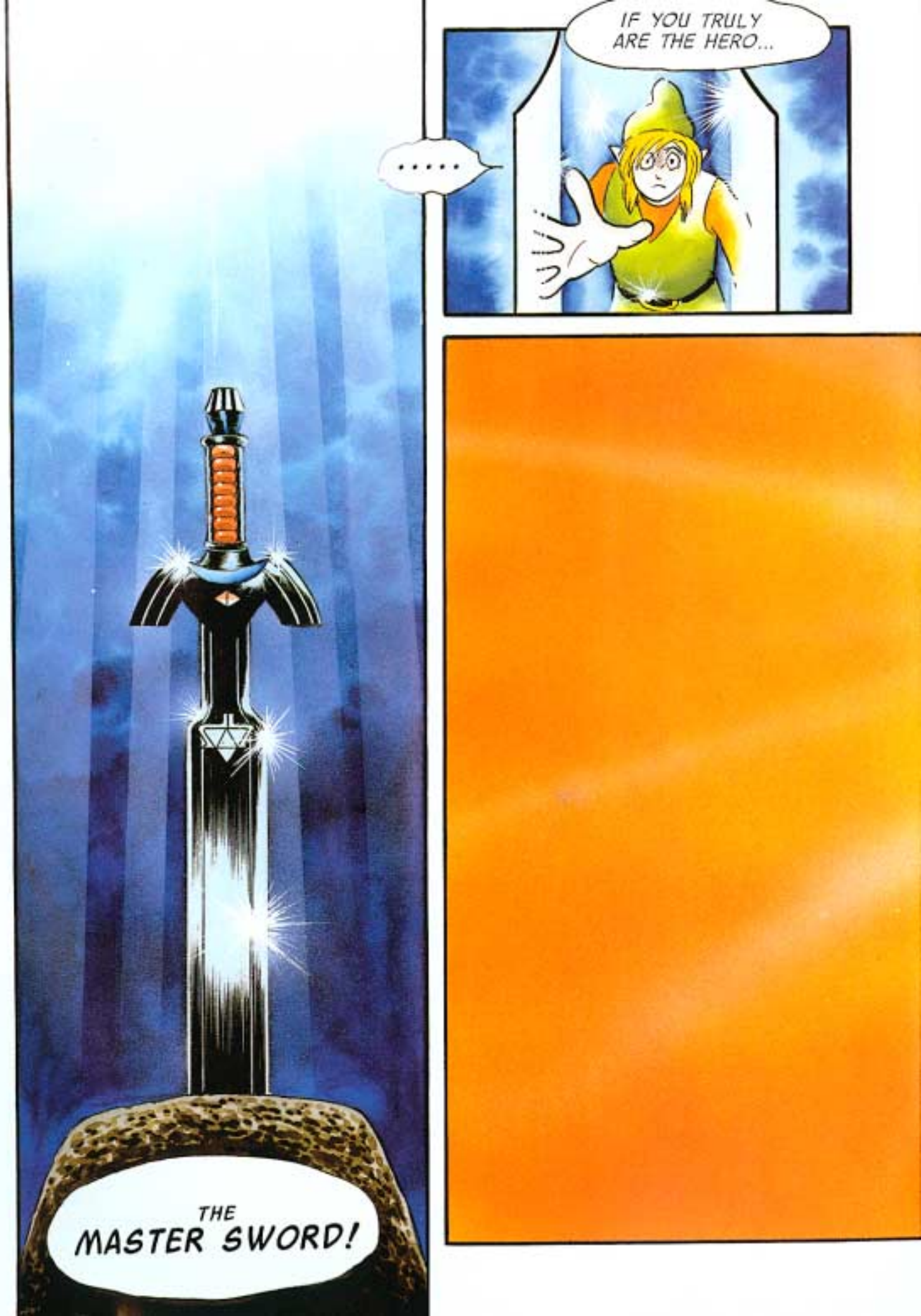
THE TOWER OF HERA!
IT LOOKS LIKE MY TROUBLES ARE BEGINNING AGAIN!
OH NO!
NOW I'VE GOT TO CLIMB ALL OF THESE STAIRS?!
I'M THIRSTY...
MY ARM ACHES...
IT'S HOT... I HOPE IT'S WORTH IT!

FOOSH!
WHO TURNED ON THE LIGHTS?
SKITTER!
WHAT IN THE WORLD!?

SHHIKK!
SWISH!!
HEY!
I OUGHT TO BE PRETTY GOOD AT THIS BY NOW!
THUNK!
LINK... THE PENDANT IS THE THIRD EYE...
ARE YOU KIDDING?!
MONSTER EYES!
IT'S IMBEDDED IN THE MONSTER'S FOREHEAD!
I'M GLAD THIS IS THE LAST PENDANT!
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO JUST LIFT IT OUT...
SHLORP!

MY ARM! IT'S BACK TO NORMAL!!
WHOA!
AFTER THOSE STAIRS, I GET A FREE RIDE DOWN!
KA-SPLAT!
LINK! YOU HAVE DONE WELL! YOU RECOVERED THE PENDANTS! NOW GO FORTH TO THE LOST WOODS!
FSH HHH...
FSHHHH...
CAN'T I REST FOR A WHILE?
NO... IF YOU REALLY ARE THE LEGENDARY HERO OF HYRULE...

...THE SWORD OF EVIL'S BANE WILL SELECT YOU AS ITS BEARER!
THE SWORD WILL SELECT ME?
WHAT IF IT DOESN'T?
YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ENTER THE DARK WORLD AND FIND YOUR PARENTS!
ARE MY MOTHER AND FATHER REALLY STILL ALIVE?
THEY DWELL NOW IN THE DARK WORLD...
YOUR PARENTS WERE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE... BUT THEY STUMBLED INTO THE DARK WORLD...
AFTER THEY DISAPPEARED, YOUR UNCLE ADOPTED YOU AND SHIELDED YOU FROM THE INTRIGUES OF THE ROYAL FAMILY...
A-HA!


IF YOU TRULY ARE THE HERO...
.....
THE MASTER SWORD!

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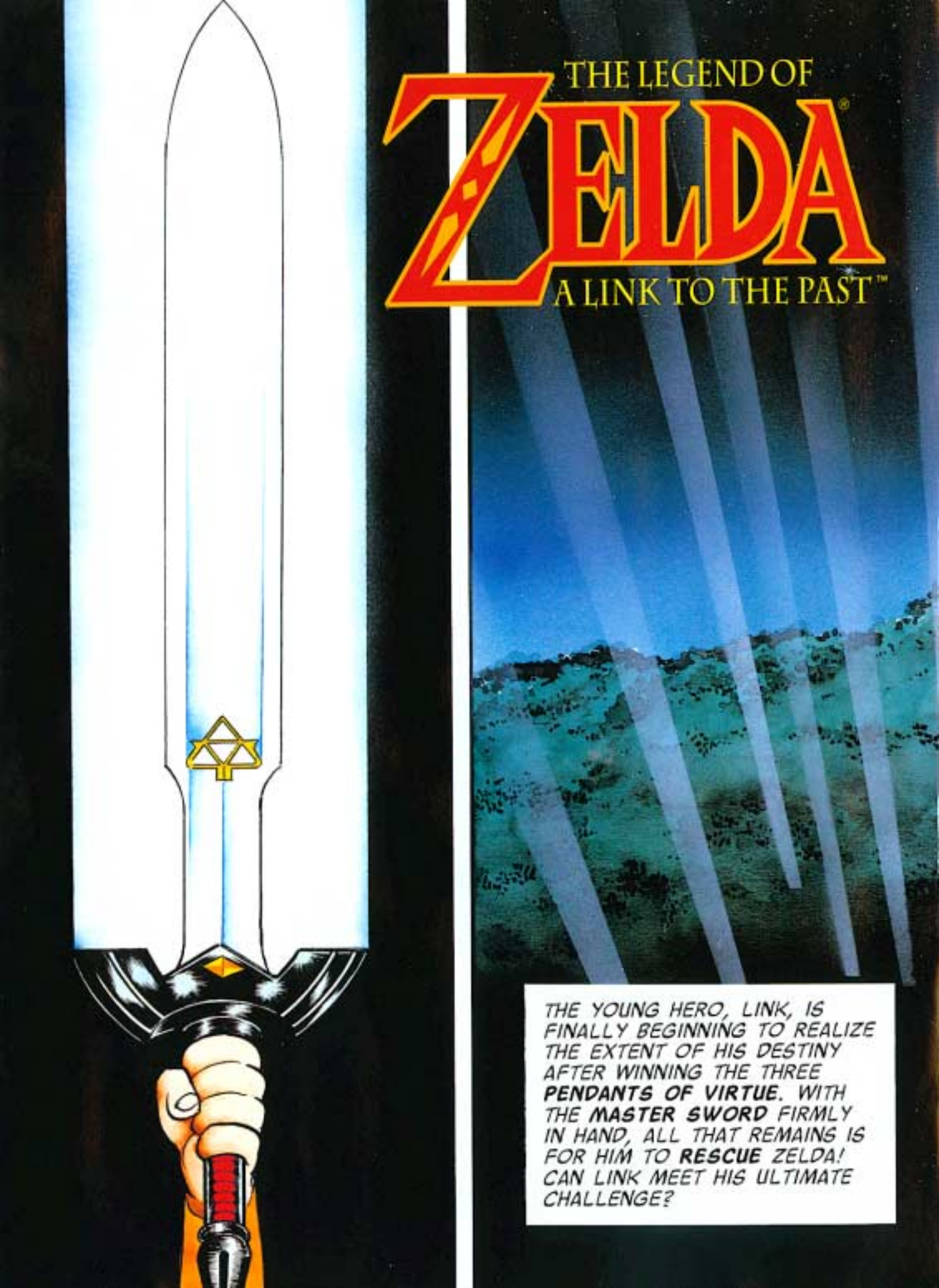
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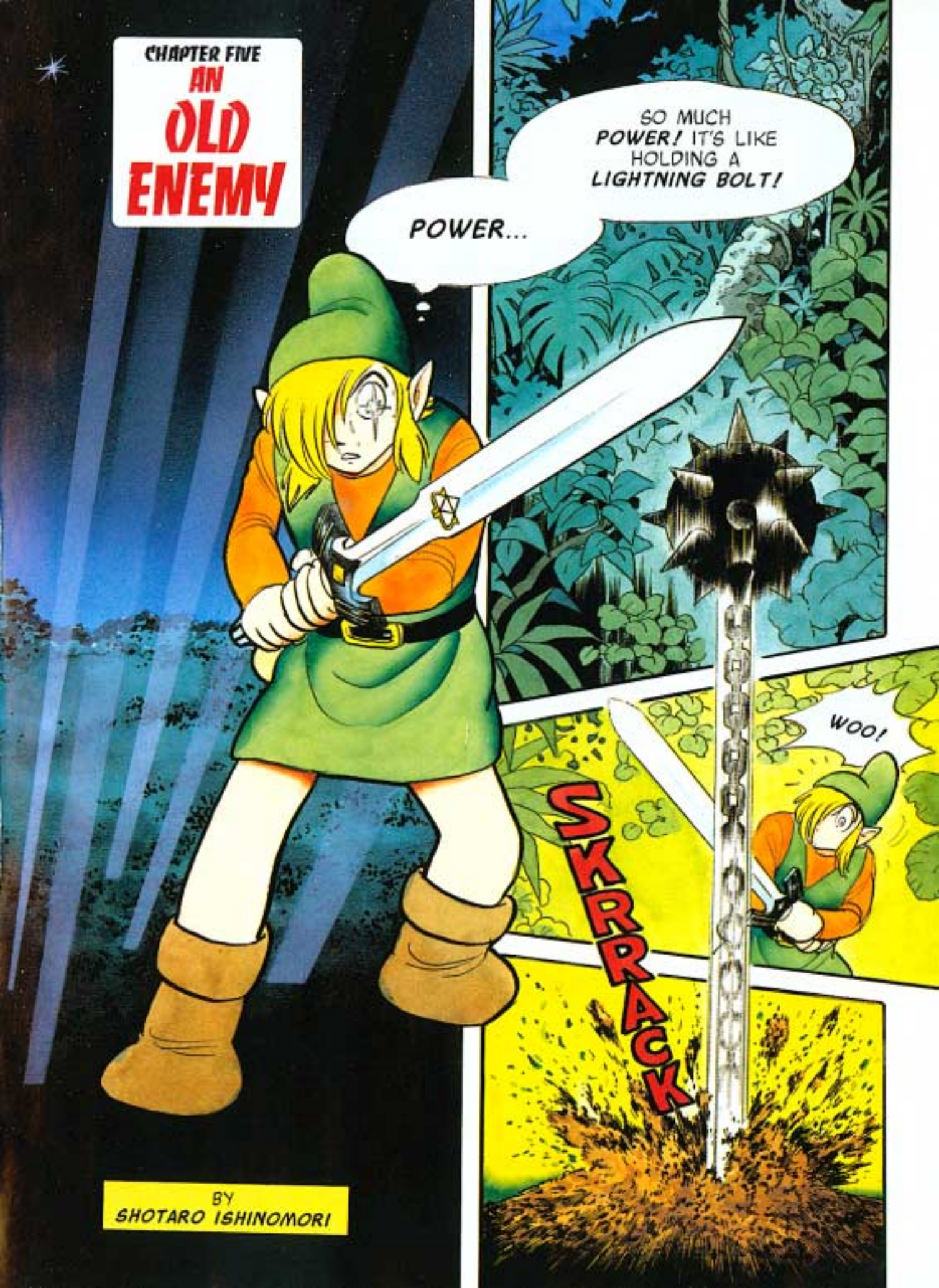
THE YOUNG HERO, LINK, IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO REALIZE THE EXTENT OF HIS DESTINY AFTER WINNING THE THREE **PENDANTS OF VIRTUE**. WITH THE **MASTER SWORD** FIRMLY IN HAND, ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR HIM TO **RESCUE** ZELDA! CAN LINK MEET HIS ULTIMATE CHALLENGE?


CHAPTER FIVE
AN
OLD
ENEMY
POWER...
SO MUCH POWER! IT'S LIKE HOLDING A LIGHTNING BOLT!
WOO!
SKRRACK
BY
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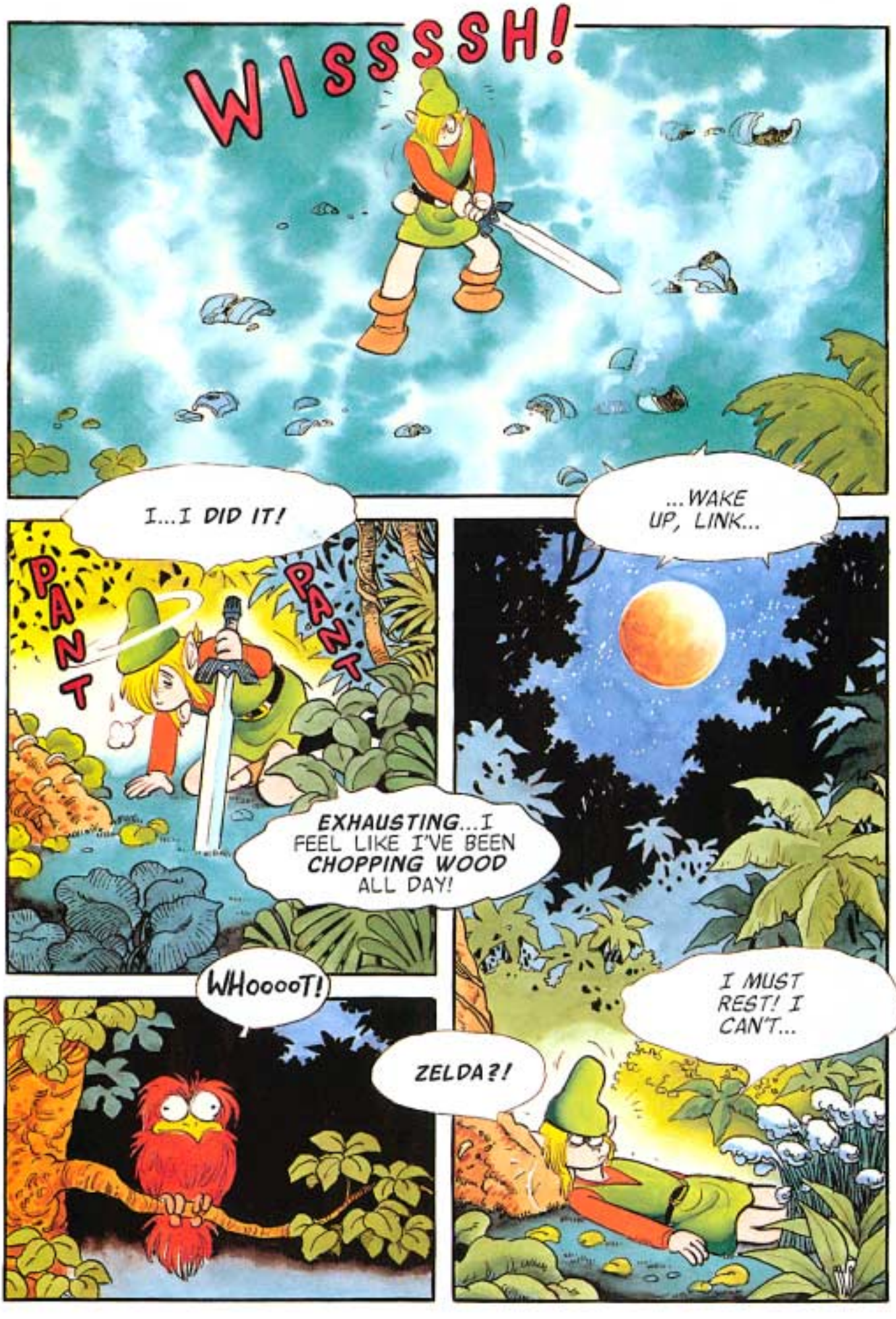
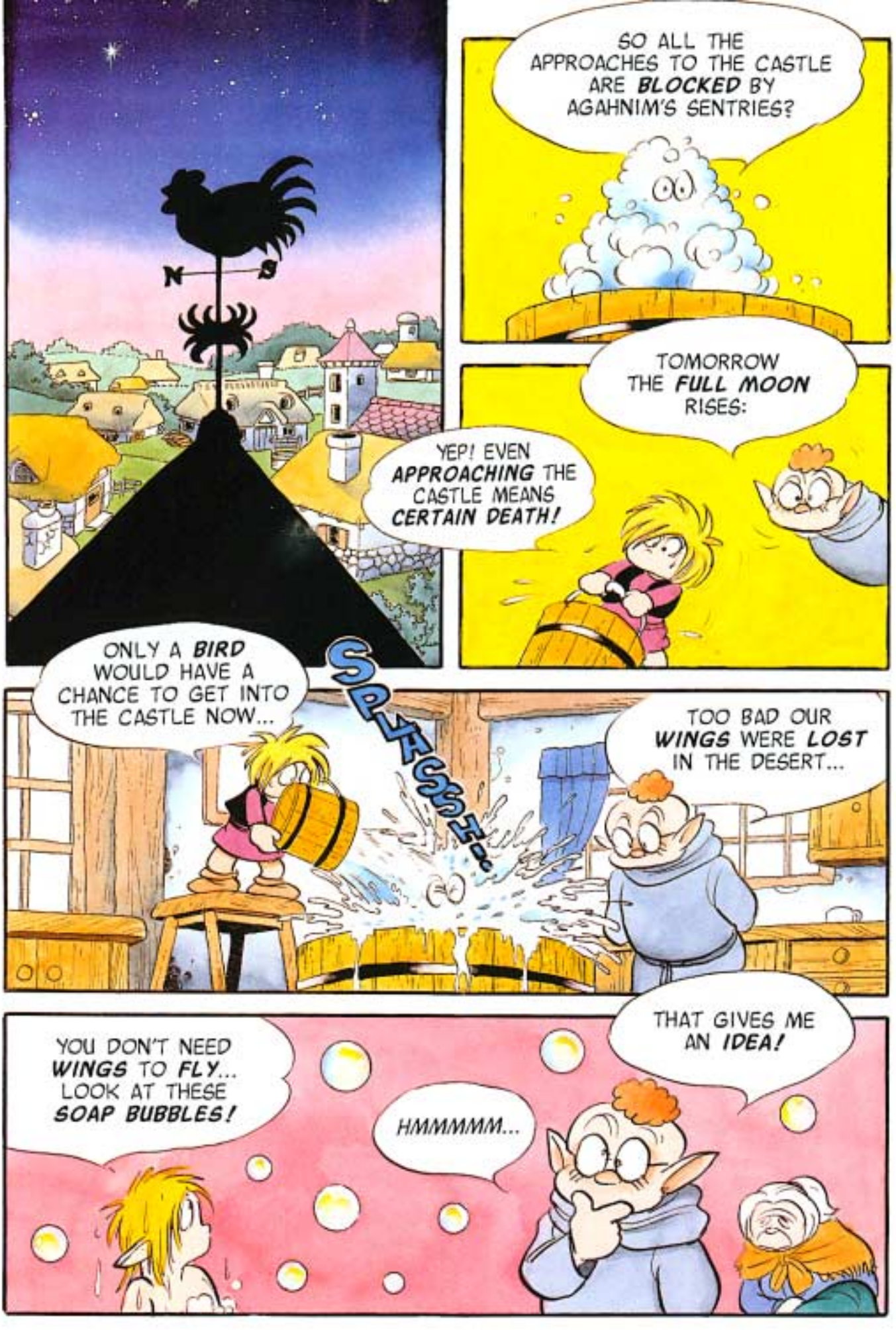
SCHWING
WHOOSSH!
YOU SOLDIERS ARE JUST IN TIME FOR A LITTLE PRACTICE!
SWISSH!
KA-CHINNG!!


WISSSSH!
I...I DID IT!
PANT
PANT
EXHAUSTING...I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN CHOPPING WOOD ALL DAY!
...WAKE UP, LINK...
I MUST REST! I CAN'T...
ZELDA?!
WHOOOOT!

LINK! ONLY A SINGLE NIGHT REMAINS!
AGAHNIM WILL CAST HIS INCANTATION ON ME UNDER A FULL MOON!
LINK! YOU MUST HURRY!
IF HE SUCCEEDS, THE SEAL OF THE WISE MEN WILL BE BROKEN! THE ENTRANCE TO THE DARK WORLD WILL BE THROWN OPEN AND EVIL WILL OVERWHELM US!
DO NOT FORGET THE SACRIFICE YOUR UNCLE MADE TRYING TO FOIL AGAHNIM'S PLOT!
AND YOUR PARENTS... DO YOU THINK IT WAS AN ACCIDENT THAT THEY FELL INTO THE DARK WORLD?!
PLEASE, YOU MUST DESTROY AGAHNIM BEFORE HIS EVIL MAGIC LEADS TO HYRULE'S DESTRUCTION!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT. I'M ON MY WAY!
I HAVE SWORN TO DEFEAT AGAHNIM! AND NOW I HAVE THE MASTER SWORD TO FULFILL MY VOW!!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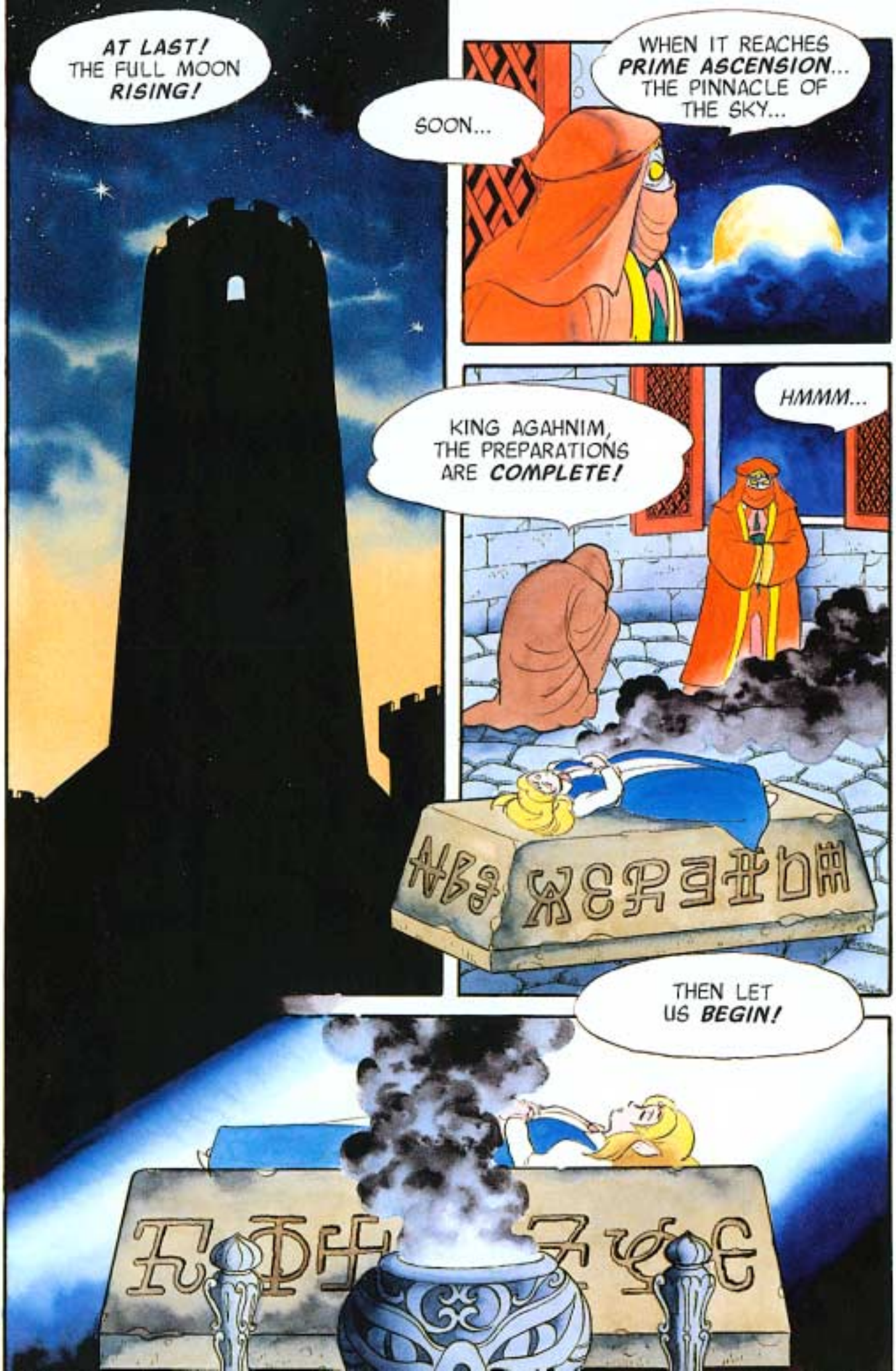
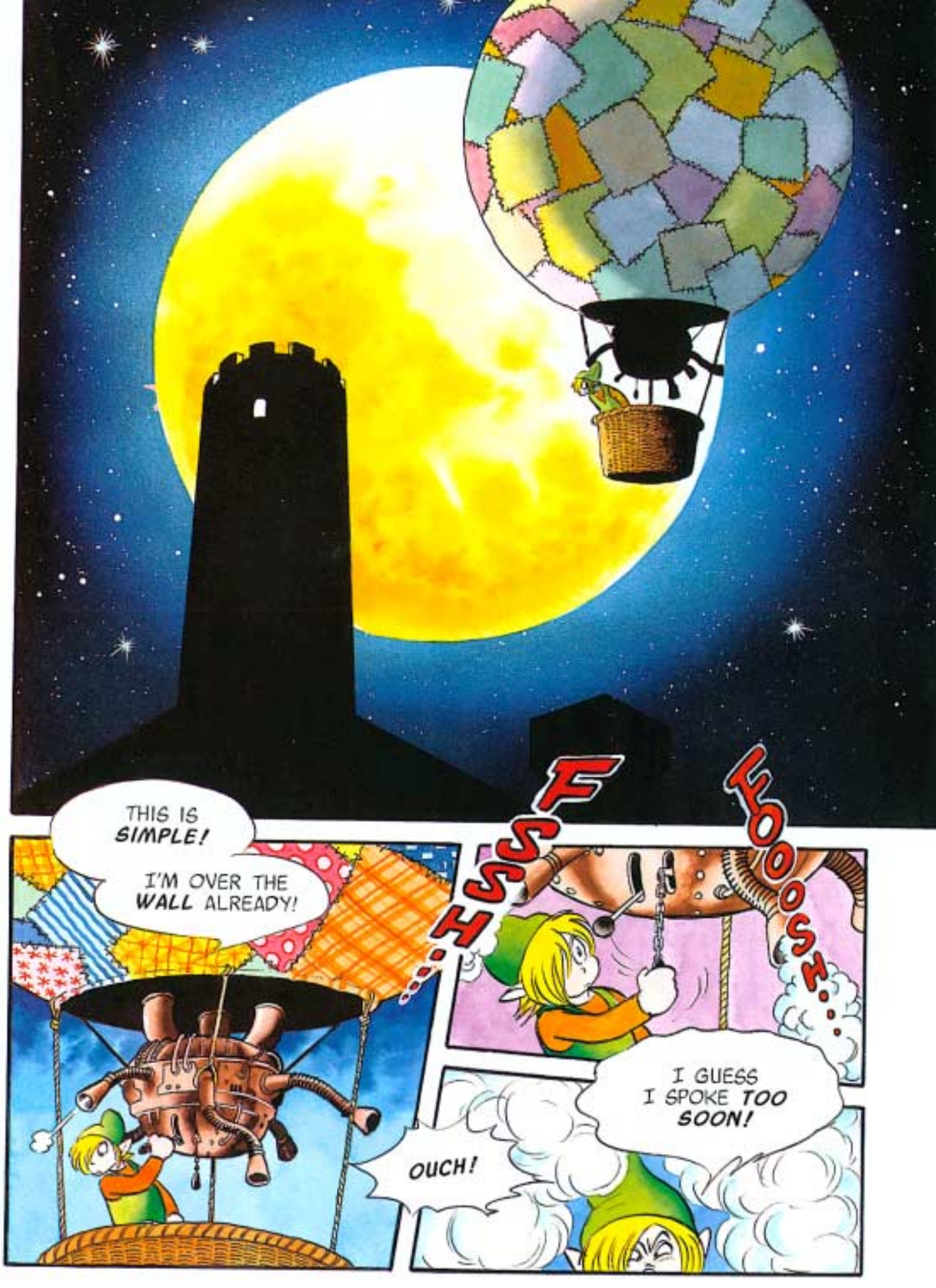
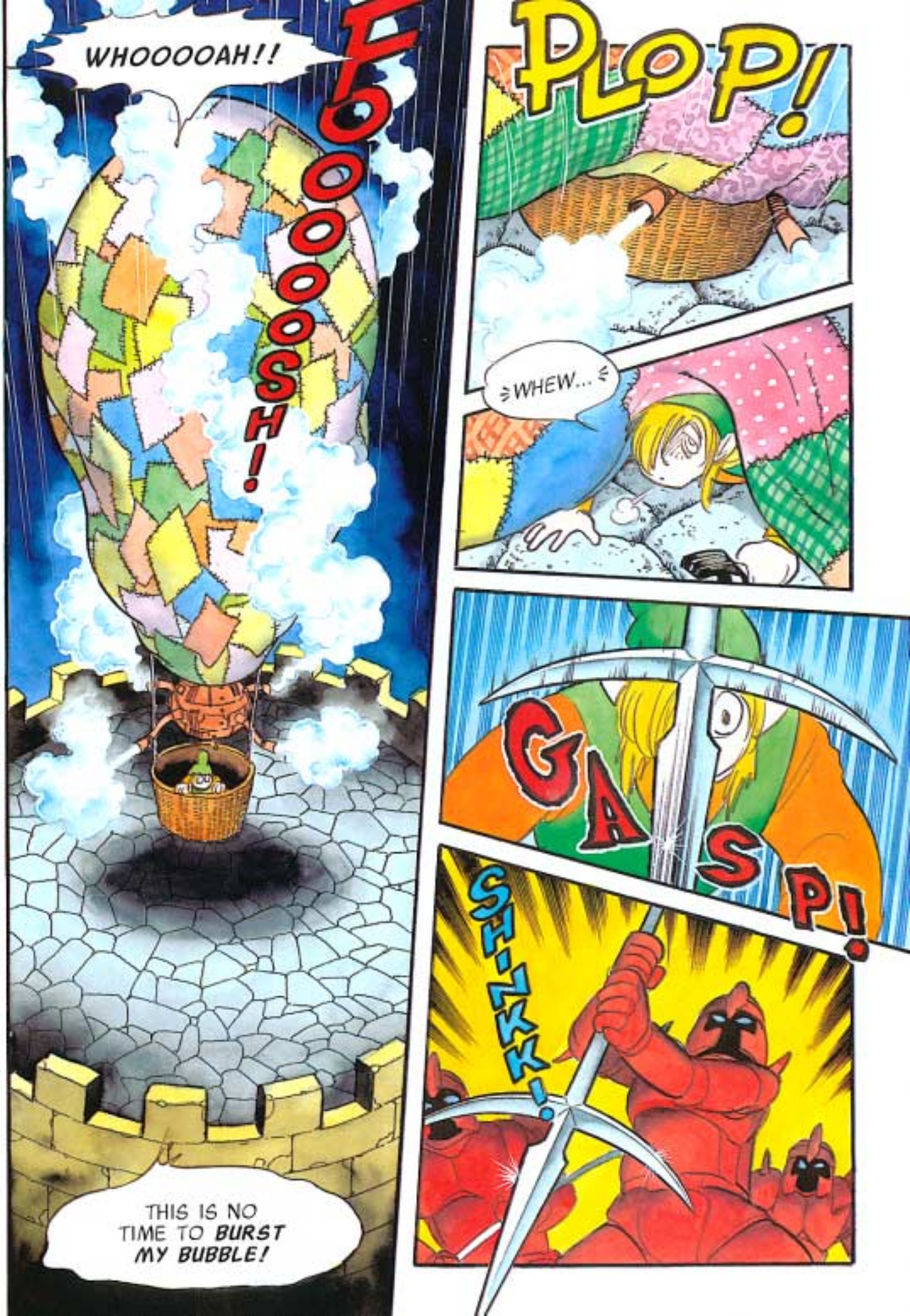
SO ALL THE APPROACHES TO THE CASTLE ARE BLOCKED BY AGAHNIM'S SENTRIES?
TOMORROW THE FULL MOON RISES:
YEP! EVEN APPROACHING THE CASTLE MEANS CERTAIN DEATH!
ONLY A BIRD WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO GET INTO THE CASTLE NOW...
SPLRSSH...
TOO BAD OUR WINGS WERE LOST IN THE DESERT...
THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
HMMMMM...
YOU DON'T NEED WINGS TO FLY... LOOK AT THESE SOAP BUBBLES!

I BELIEVE THAT A LARGE BUBBLE...
...FILLED WITH HOT AIR...
...WILL FLOAT!
BUT TO MAKE SUCH A THING...
...IN ONE DAY...WILL BE...
...HARD WORK!
KA-OI-ZO..
OI-ZO..
KA-OI-ZO..
THAT'S CORRECT!
THIS BUBBLE HAS TO BE AIR-TIGHT, RIGHT?
I'VE GOT TO REST FOR TONIGHT! THIS WON'T BE EASY!
LINK, GIVE US A HAND, WILL YOU?


AT LAST! THE FULL MOON RISING!
SOON...
WHEN IT REACHES PRIME ASCENSION... THE PINNACLE OF THE SKY...
KING AGAHNIM, THE PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE!
HMMM...
THEN LET US BEGIN!

EH?
NOW IS THE HOUR OF THE INCANTATION... YOU MUST **NOT** FAIL ME!
...AGAHNIM...
MASTER GANON!
YES, MY LORD...
HMMMM...
I SENSE A BEING APPROACHING THE BARRIER SURROUNDING THE CASTLE... A BEING WITH INTENSE EMOTIONAL ENERGY...
WHAT?! CAN IT BE **HIM?!**
VERY WELL...I WILL SEND PRINCESS ZELDA INTO THE **DARK WORLD** BEFORE HIS **VERY EYES!!**
HEH HEH HEH...
BUT, IF HE CAN MAKE IT **HERE**...

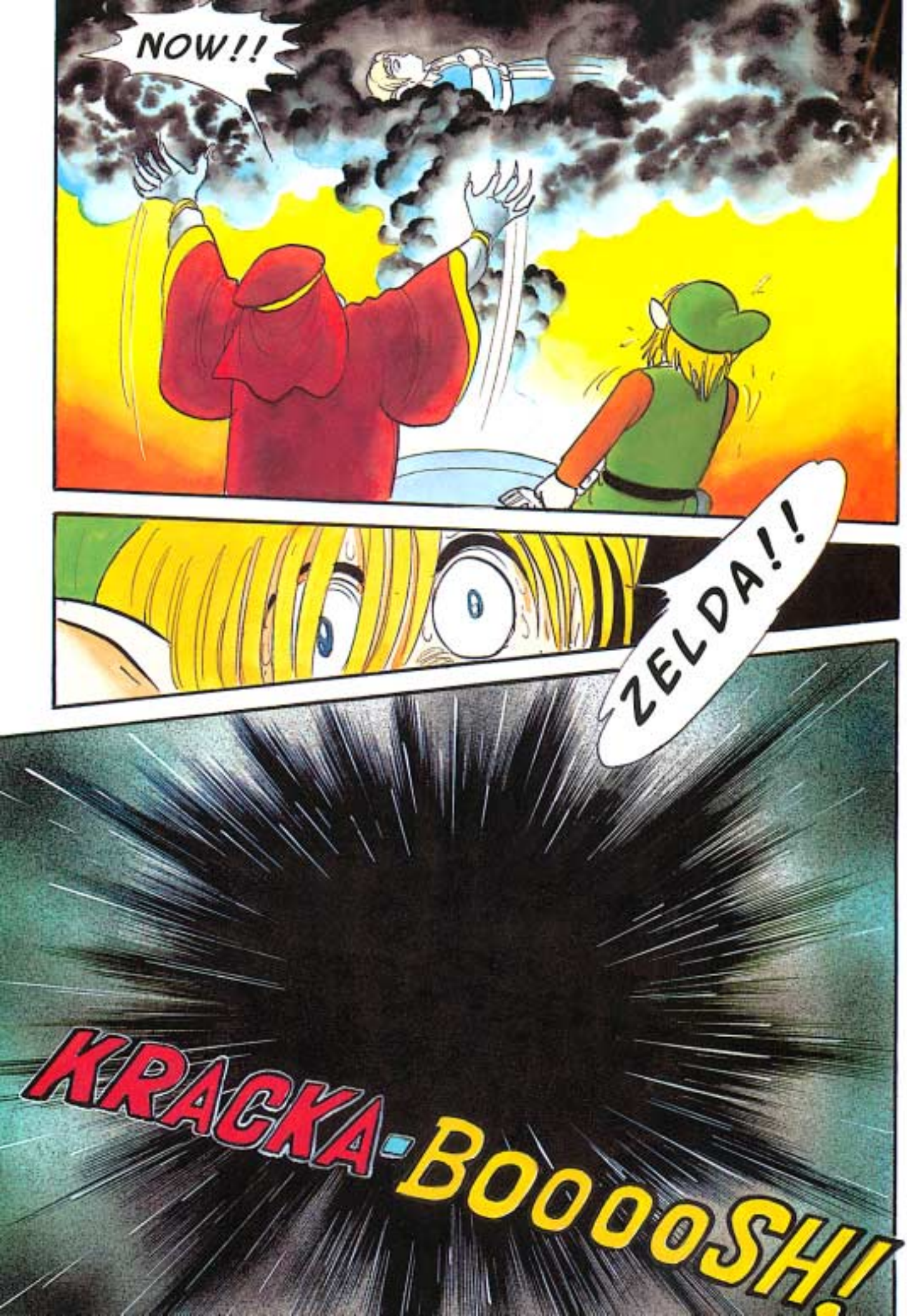

THIS IS SIMPLE!
I'M OVER THE WALL ALREADY!
FSSSH...
HOOOSH...
I GUESS I SPOKE TOO SOON!
OUCH!

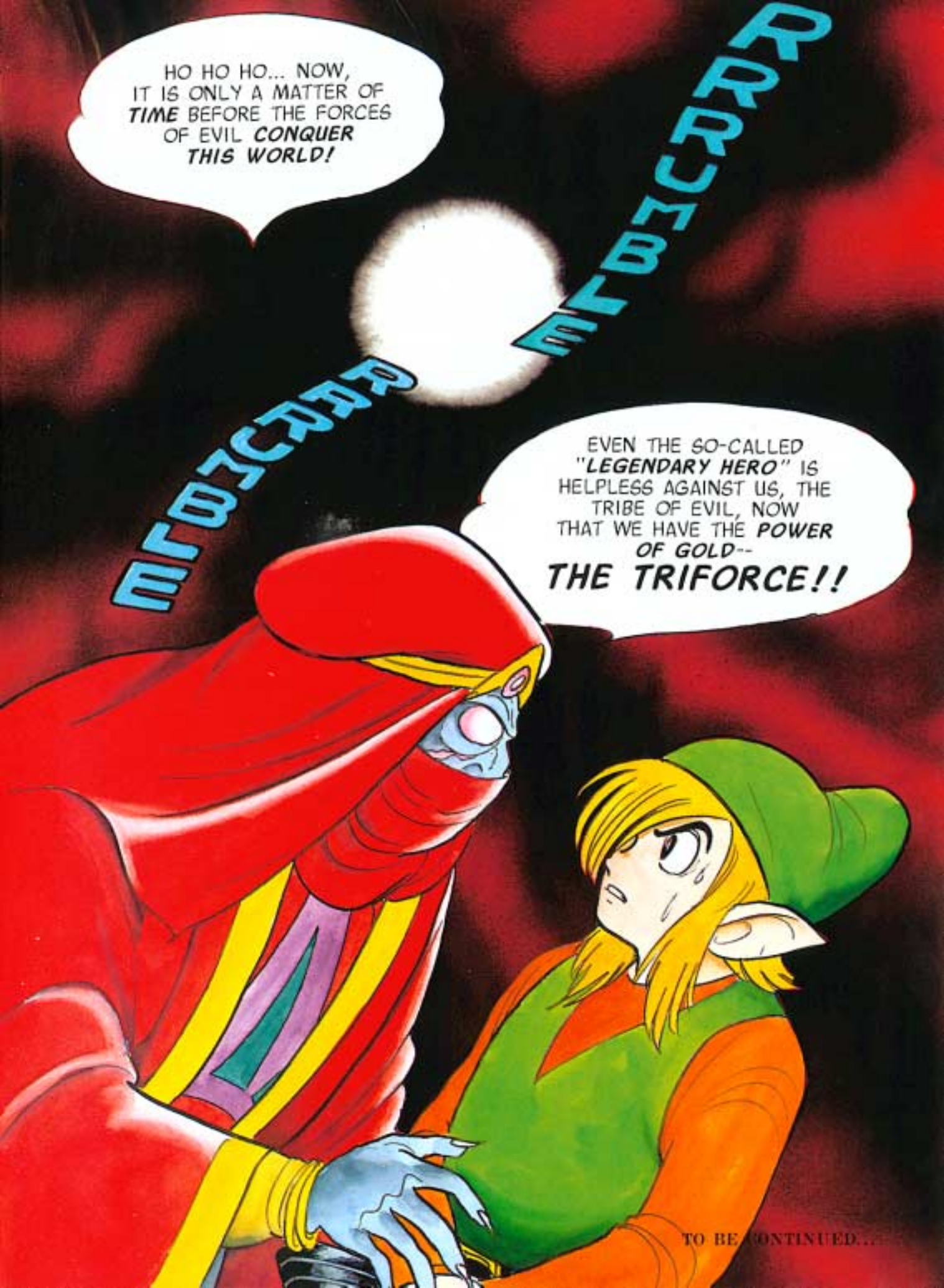

WHOOOOOAH!!
FOOOOOOSH!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BURST MY BUBBLE!
PLOP!
WHEW...
GASP!
SH-ZKK!

GUARDS!? MEET...
...THE MASTER SWORD!!
CRO-MAN-YON! CRO-MAN-YON!
NE-AAN-DERU-TAA!
GASP! IT'S ZELDA!

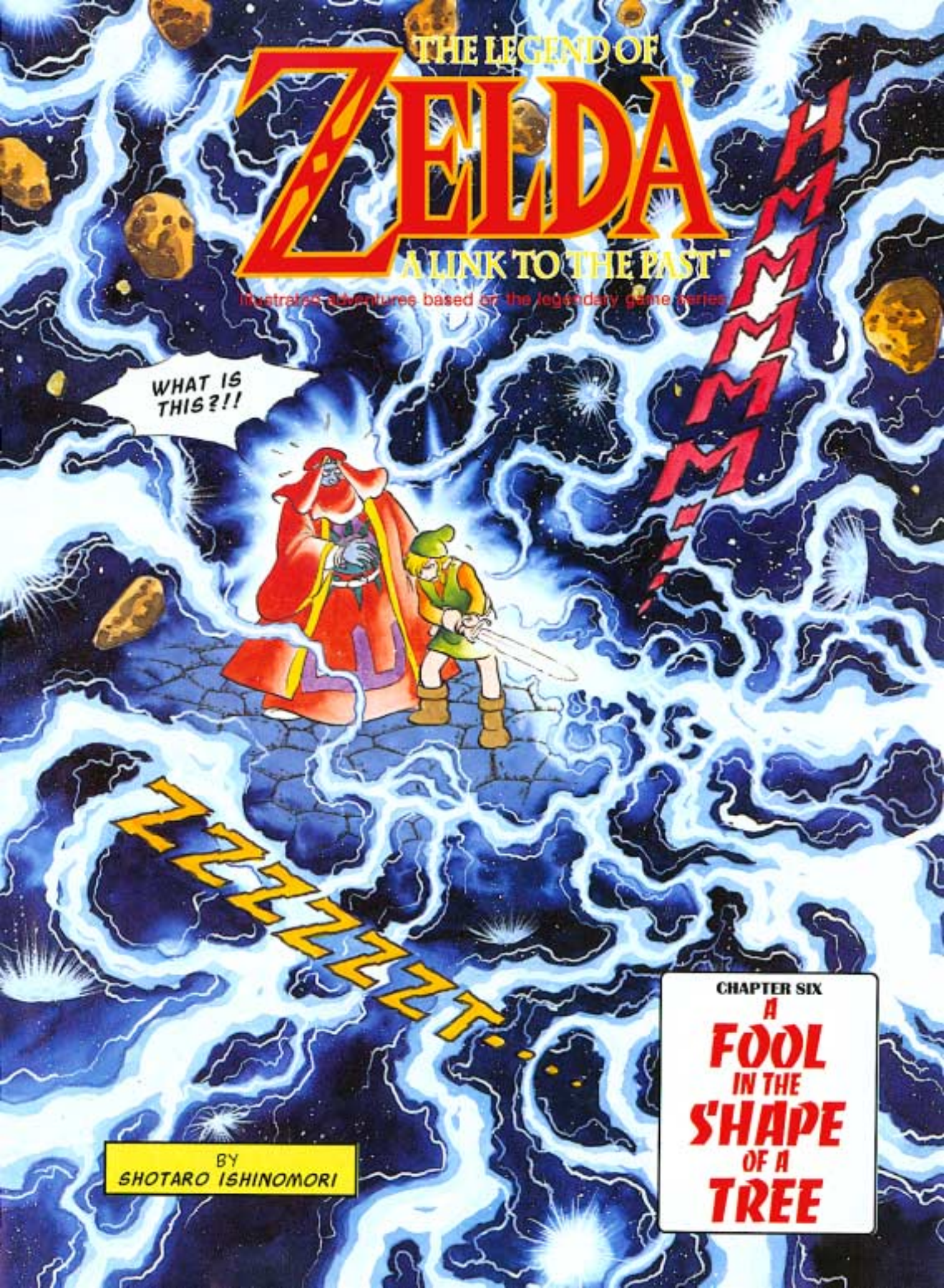
AGAHNIM!!
LINK, DO NOT PUT ALL YOUR TRUST IN THE MASTER SWORD!
EVEN ITS MIGHTY MAGIC CANNOT HARM AGAHNIM'S BODY!!
IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!
BOUND!
GROOZ
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
HUH?! THEN IT'S TRUE?!
EH!

ULP!
WHA--?!
I...I CAN'T MOVE!!
HEH HEH...
BEHOLD!
THE LAST MOMENT OF PRINCESS ZELDA!
I HAVE BEEN AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL, FOOLISH HERO!
WATCH NOW AS YOUR PRECIOUS PRINCESS VANISHES-- BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES!!
ZAYOOSH!
HAH!!


NOW!!
ZELDA!!
KRACKA-BOOOOSH!


HO HO HO... NOW, IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE FORCES OF EVIL CONQUER THIS WORLD!
RRRUMBLE
RRRUMBLE
EVEN THE SO-CALLED "LEGENDARY HERO" IS HELPLESS AGAINST US, THE TRIBE OF EVIL, NOW THAT WE HAVE THE POWER OF GOLD-- THE TRIFORCE!!
TO BE CONTINUED...

YOU HAVE JUST WITNESSED THE LAST MOMENTS OF PRINCESS ZELDA! SHE IS NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD!
HEH HEH HEH
SOON I WILL SEND YOU TO JOIN HER, LINK!!
GRRRR...
SEE HOW HELPLESS MY MAGIC HAS MADE YOU! FROZEN LIKE A STATUE!
YOU CHALLENGED ME ONLY TO MEET YOUR DOOM!
HANDS... OFF... AGAHNIM...
HOLLL
HUMMMM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HMMMMM!!
WHAT IS THIS?!!
ZZZZZZT!
CHAPTER SIX
A FOOL IN THE SHAPE OF A TREE
BY
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CLATTER
CLATTER
HUMMPH... THE PUNY FOOL'S RAGE IS SOMEHOW BEING CHANNELED BY THE MASTER SWORD!
BONK! POK!
HE AND THE SWORD ARE AS ONE!
HUH?!
I'M FREE!
HOLD IT, AGAHNIM!

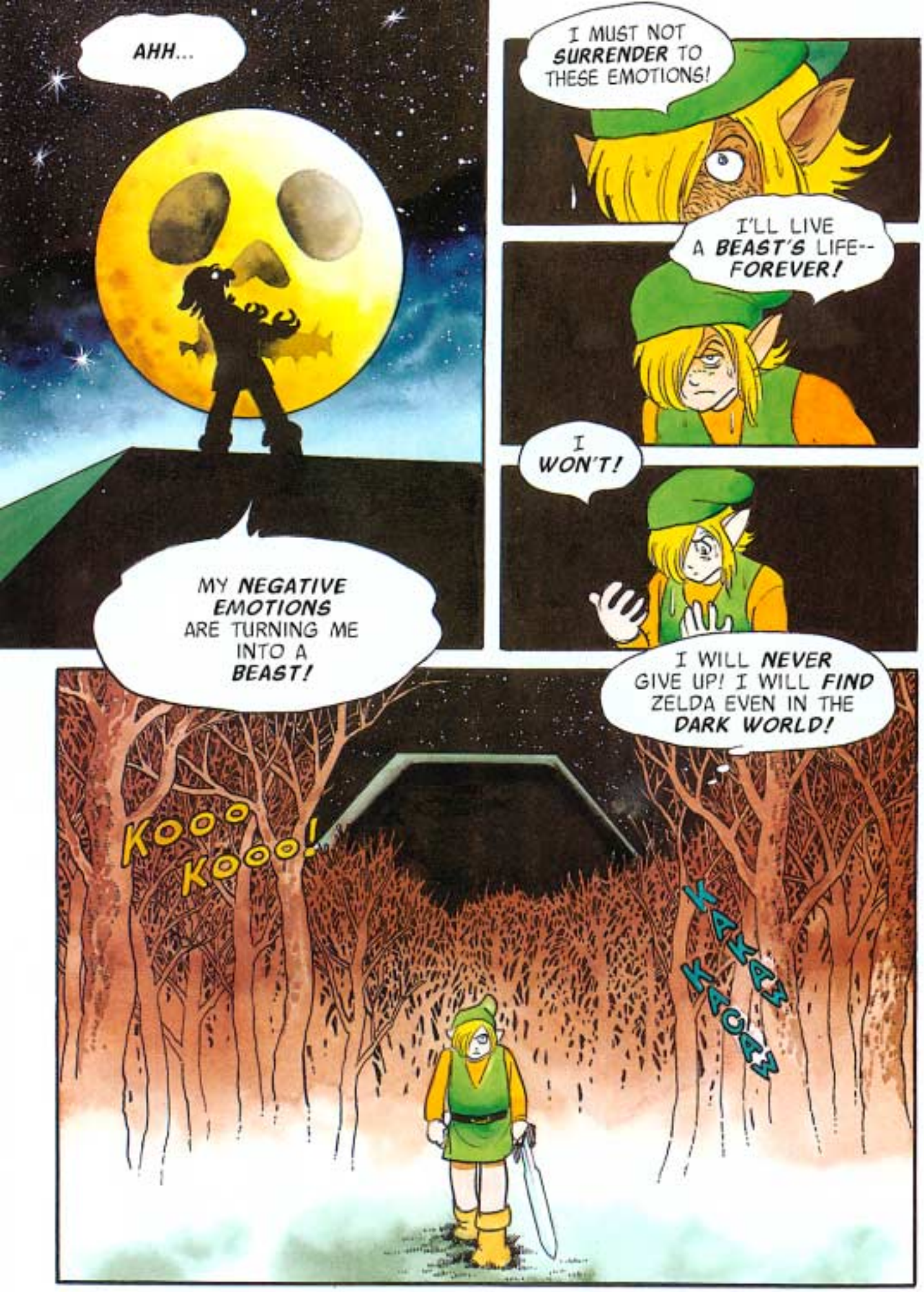
VAZZZZZAP!
YAAAAAAH!!
SWISH!
HEH HEH HEH!
SWOOSH!
UNNNH!
SAHASRAHLA WAS RIGHT!
PANT
PANT
PANT
HA HA HAH!
I CAN'T SEEM TO HARM AGAHNIM'S BODY WITH THE MASTER SWORD!

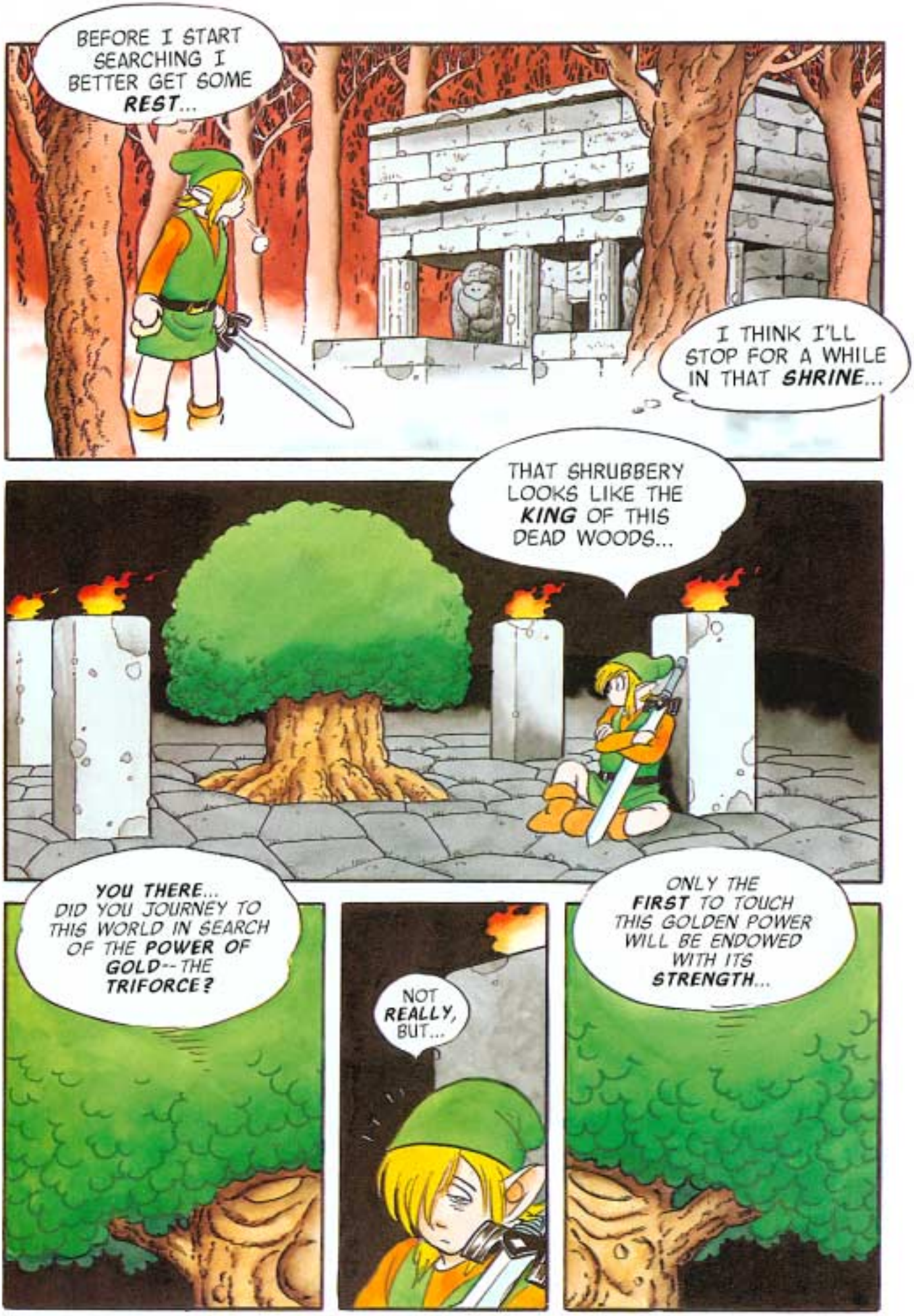
LINK, LISTEN! AGAHNIM'S MAGIC IS LIKE A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD...
POOF!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE MASTER SWORD WAS ALSO FORGED TO REPEL EVIL MAGIC!
IT CAN DEFEND AS WELL AS ATTACK?
I HAVE YOU NOW, AGAHNIM!
ZIII-P!!
YOUR OWN EVIL ENERGY
WILL BE THE END
NOOOOO!!
KRACKA-ZAP!
OF YOU!

ZAH-BOOM!
URRRGH...
WELL MET, HERO...
IT APPEARS YOU ARE NOT SUCH A FOOL AFTER ALL... BUT IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE...
MY DEFEAT WILL NOT RESTORE THE WISE MEN'S SEAL, ON THE CONTRARY...
RRRRRR
HEH HEH HEH...
RUMBLE RUMBLE
AND WITH MY FINAL BREATH...
...YOU WILL JOIN ZELDA IN...

...THE DARK WORLD!
KRRRRRRUMBLE!
HAH HAH HAH HAH...
AAAAAAAHH!
OOOO!
KRRRRRRUMBLE!

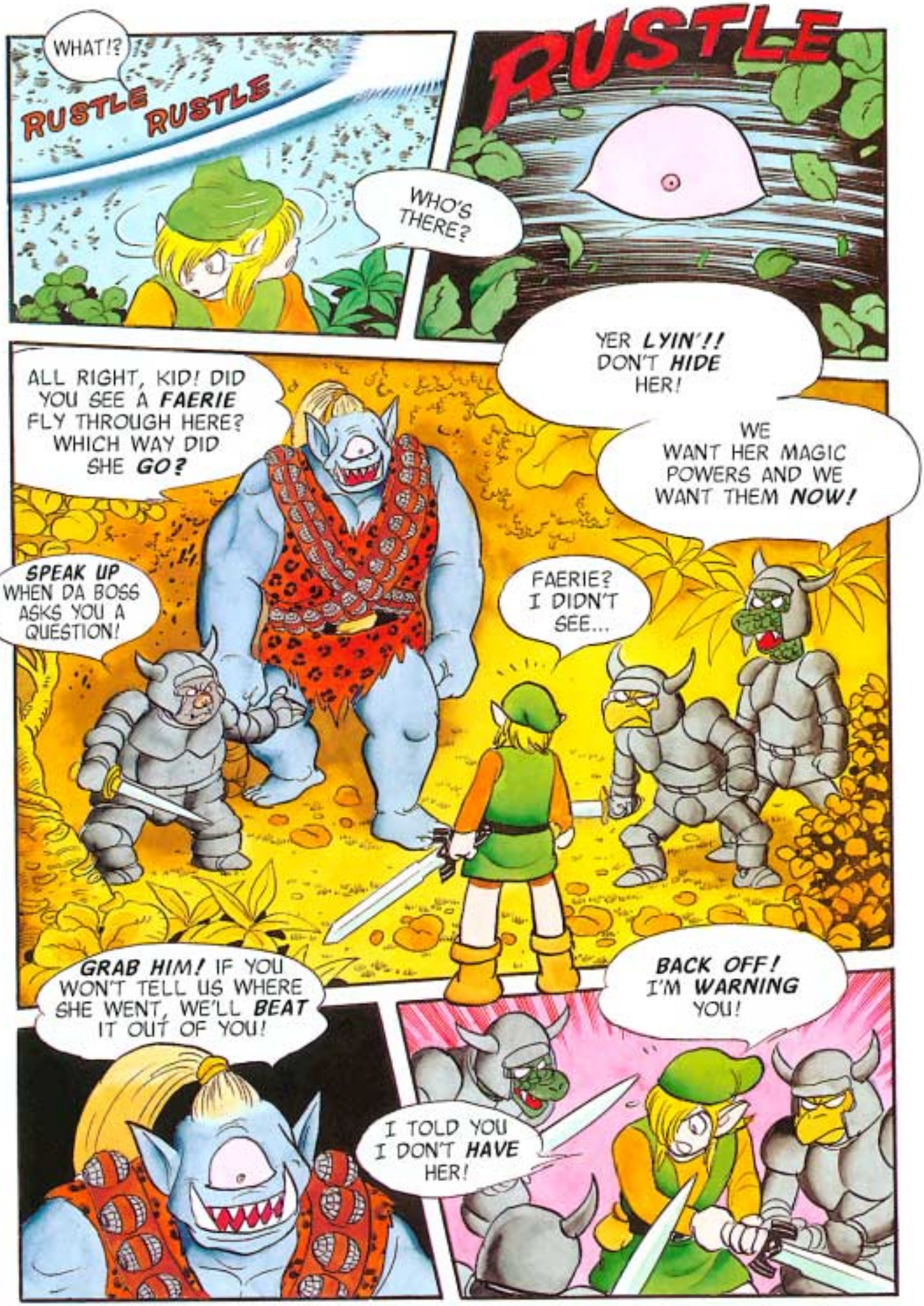
SHOS
ZELDA!
I'VE LET YOU DOWN AGAIN!
NOW WHO WILL SAVE YOU?
OH NO!

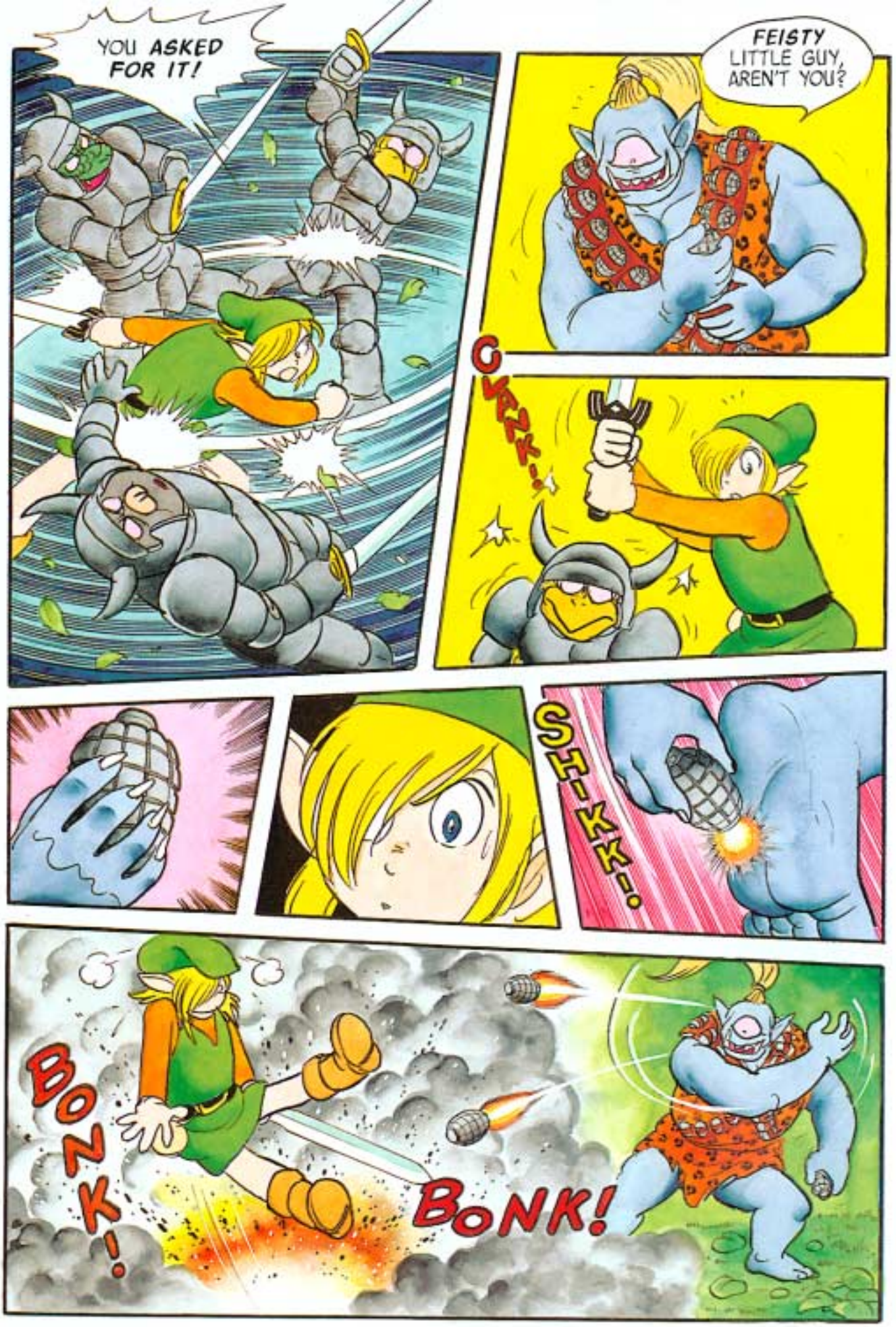

AHH...
MY NEGATIVE EMOTIONS ARE TURNING ME INTO A BEAST!
I MUST NOT SURRENDER TO THESE EMOTIONS!
I'LL LIVE A BEAST'S LIFE-- FOREVER!
I WON'T!
I WILL NEVER GIVE UP! I WILL FIND ZELDA EVEN IN THE DARK WORLD!
KOOO KOOO!
KAKAK KAKAK

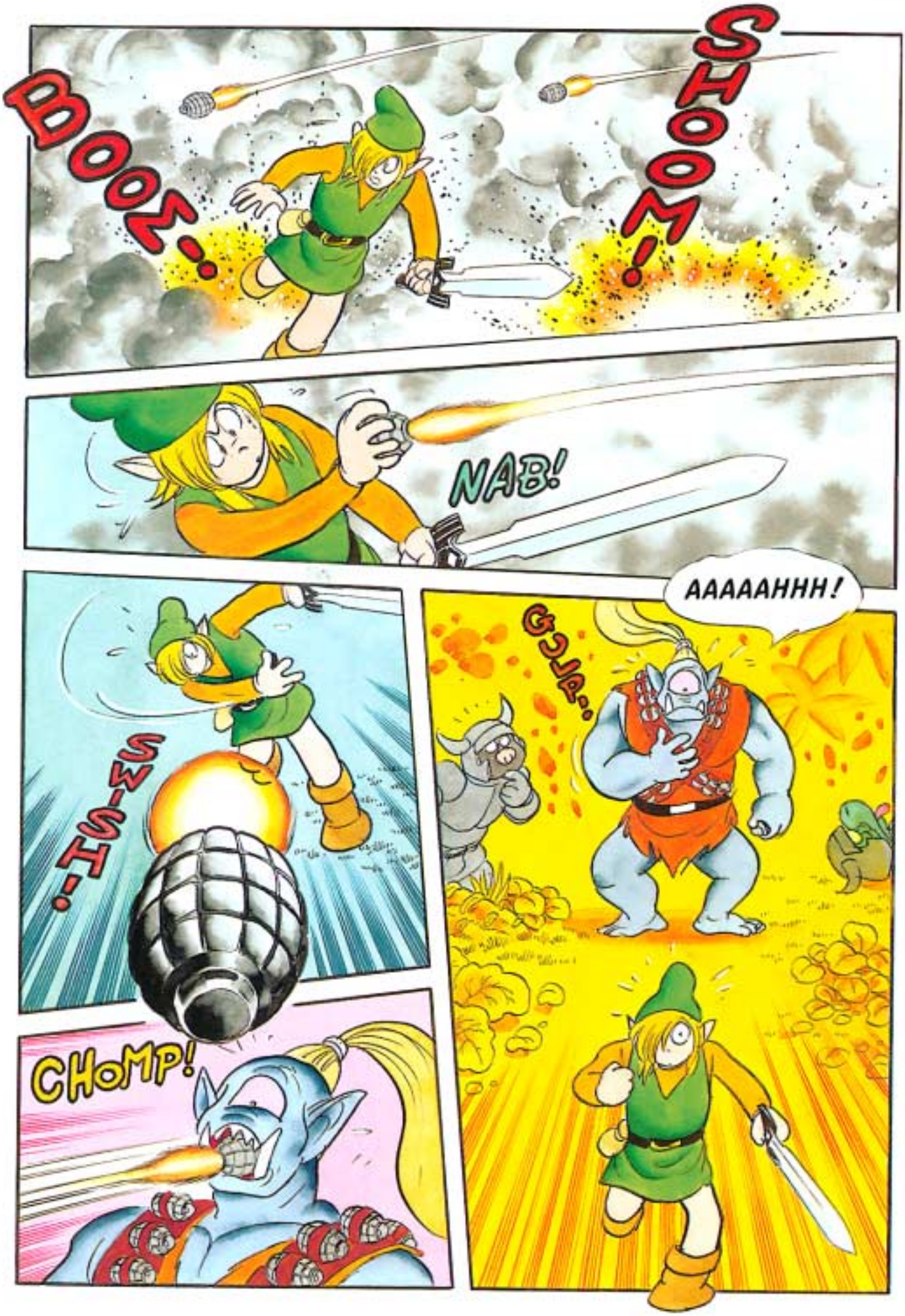

BEFORE I START SEARCHING I BETTER GET SOME REST...
I THINK I'LL STOP FOR A WHILE IN THAT SHRINE...
THAT SHRUBBERY LOOKS LIKE THE KING OF THIS DEAD WOODS...
YOU THERE... DID YOU JOURNEY TO THIS WORLD IN SEARCH OF THE POWER OF GOLD--THE TRIFORCE?
NOT REALLY, BUT...
ONLY THE FIRST TO TOUCH THIS GOLDEN POWER WILL BE ENDOWED WITH ITS STRENGTH...

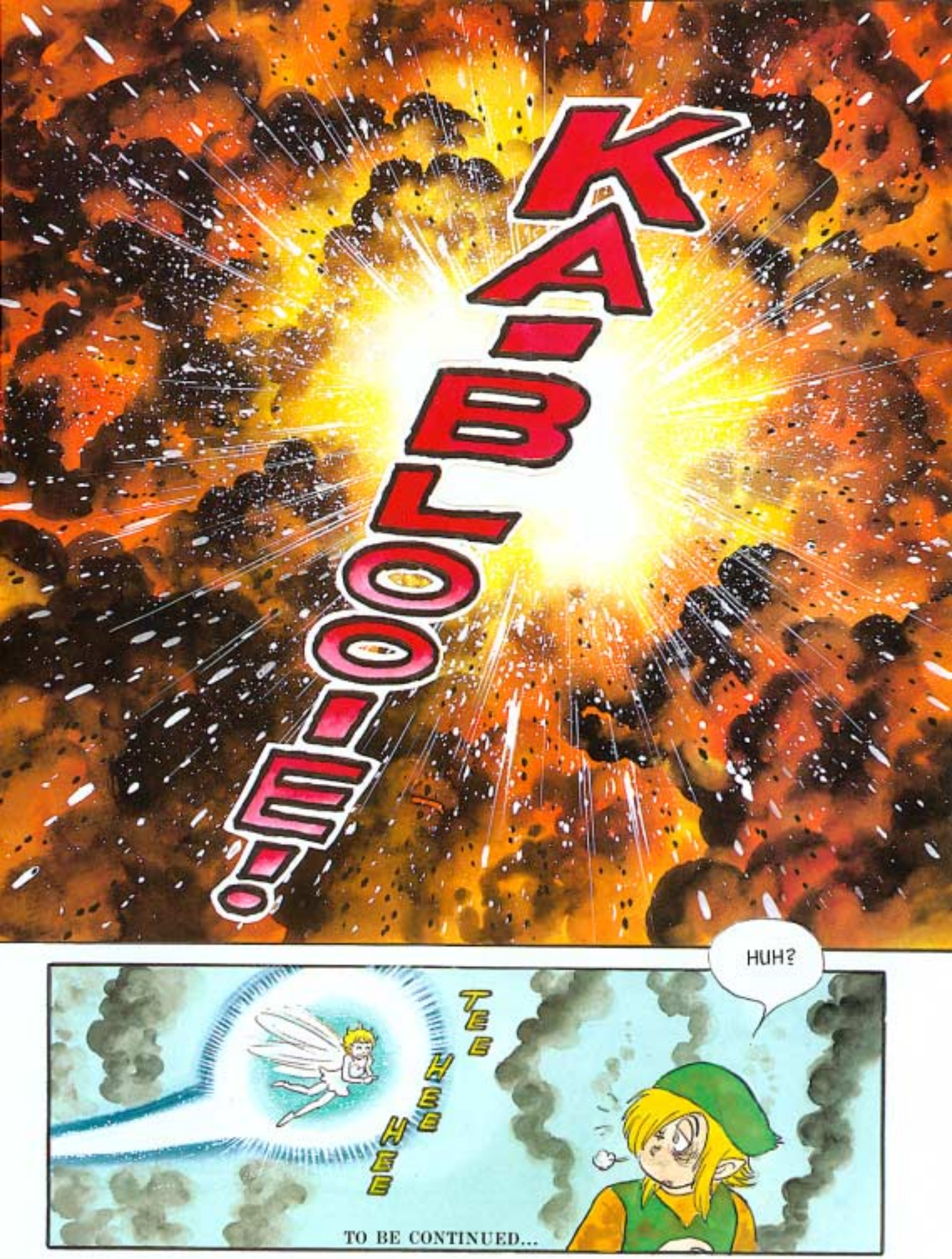
THIS LAND WAS ONCE THE GOLDEN LAND WHERE THE TRIFORCE WAS HIDDEN BY THOSE WHO CREATED THE WORLD.
GANONDORF THE THIEF, SKILLED IN THE MAGICAL ARTS, ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLED UPON THE ENTRANCE TO THIS MAGICAL PLACE
WHEN HE TOUCHED THE TRIFORCE, HIS EVIL WISHES WERE GRANTED. HE ACHIEVED ULTIMATE POWER OVER THIS WORLD AND TRANSFORMED IT INTO A LAND OF EVIL, A DARK WORLD.
MANY EVIL MEN FROM YOUR WORLD WERE DRAWN HERE. THEY WERE TRANSFORMED INTO MONSTERS BECAUSE OF THEIR EVIL THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS.
I WAS ONE OF THEM...
IN ORDER TO RESTORE THIS WORLD TO THE SHINING GOLDEN LAND IT ONCE WAS, YOU MUST DEFEAT THE THIEF AND RECLAIM THE TRIFORCE!!
HMMMM...

UNTIL THEN...
I REMAIN A FOOL IN THE SHAPE OF A TREE...
DOOMED NEVER TO LEAVE THE DARK WORLD...
A TALKING TREE? GANONDORF?
WAS IT A DREAM?
BLIP!
WHOA!


WHAT!?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHO'S THERE?
RUSTLE
ALL RIGHT, KID! DID YOU SEE A FAERIE FLY THROUGH HERE? WHICH WAY DID SHE GO?
YER LYIN'!! DON'T HIDE HER!
WE WANT HER MAGIC POWERS AND WE WANT THEM NOW!
SPEAK UP WHEN DA BOSS ASKS YOU A QUESTION!
FAERIE? I DIDN'T SEE...
GRAB HIM! IF YOU WON'T TELL US WHERE SHE WENT, WE'LL BEAT IT OUT OF YOU!
BACK OFF! I'M WARNING YOU!
I TOLD YOU I DON'T HAVE HER!


YOU ASKED FOR IT!
FEISTY LITTLE GUY, AREN'T YOU?
CRZK-!
SH-KK-.
BONK!
BONK!


BOOZ...
SHOOM!
NAB!
SWISH!
CHOMP!
AAAAAHHH!
GUJA...


KABLOOIE!!
HUH?
TEE HEE HEE
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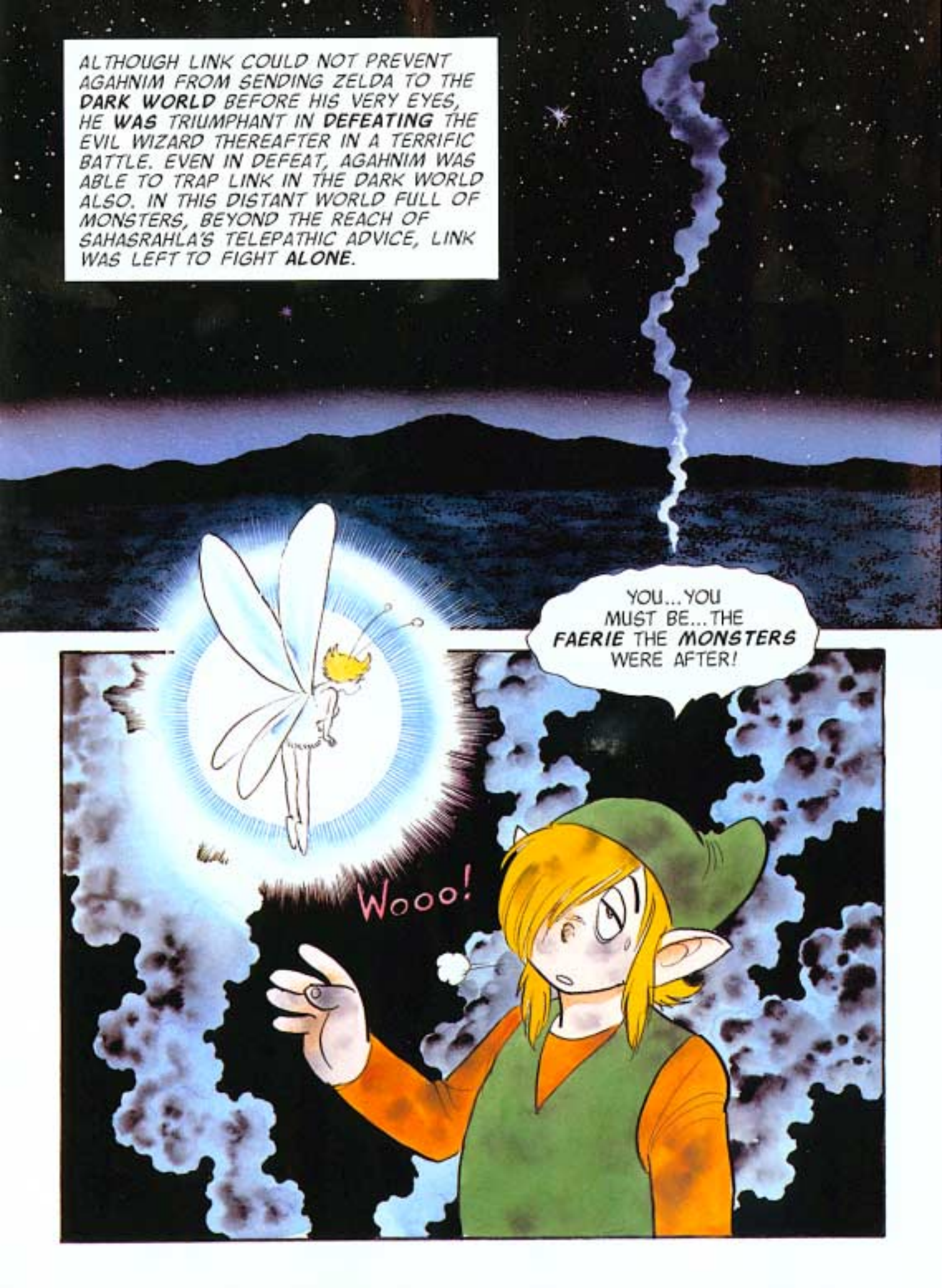
ALTHOUGH LINK COULD NOT PREVENT AGAHNIM FROM SENDING ZELDA TO THE **DARK WORLD** BEFORE HIS VERY EYES, HE **WAS** TRIUMPHANT IN **DEFEATING** THE EVIL WIZARD THEREAFTER IN A TERRIFIC BATTLE. EVEN IN DEFEAT, AGAHNIM WAS ABLE TO TRAP LINK IN THE DARK WORLD ALSO. IN THIS DISTANT WORLD FULL OF MONSTERS, BEYOND THE REACH OF SAHASRAHLA'S TELEPATHIC ADVICE, LINK WAS LEFT TO FIGHT **ALONE**.
YOU...YOU MUST BE...THE ***FAERIE*** THE ***MONSTERS*** WERE AFTER!
Wooo!

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CHAPTER SEVEN

ZORA'S MASK

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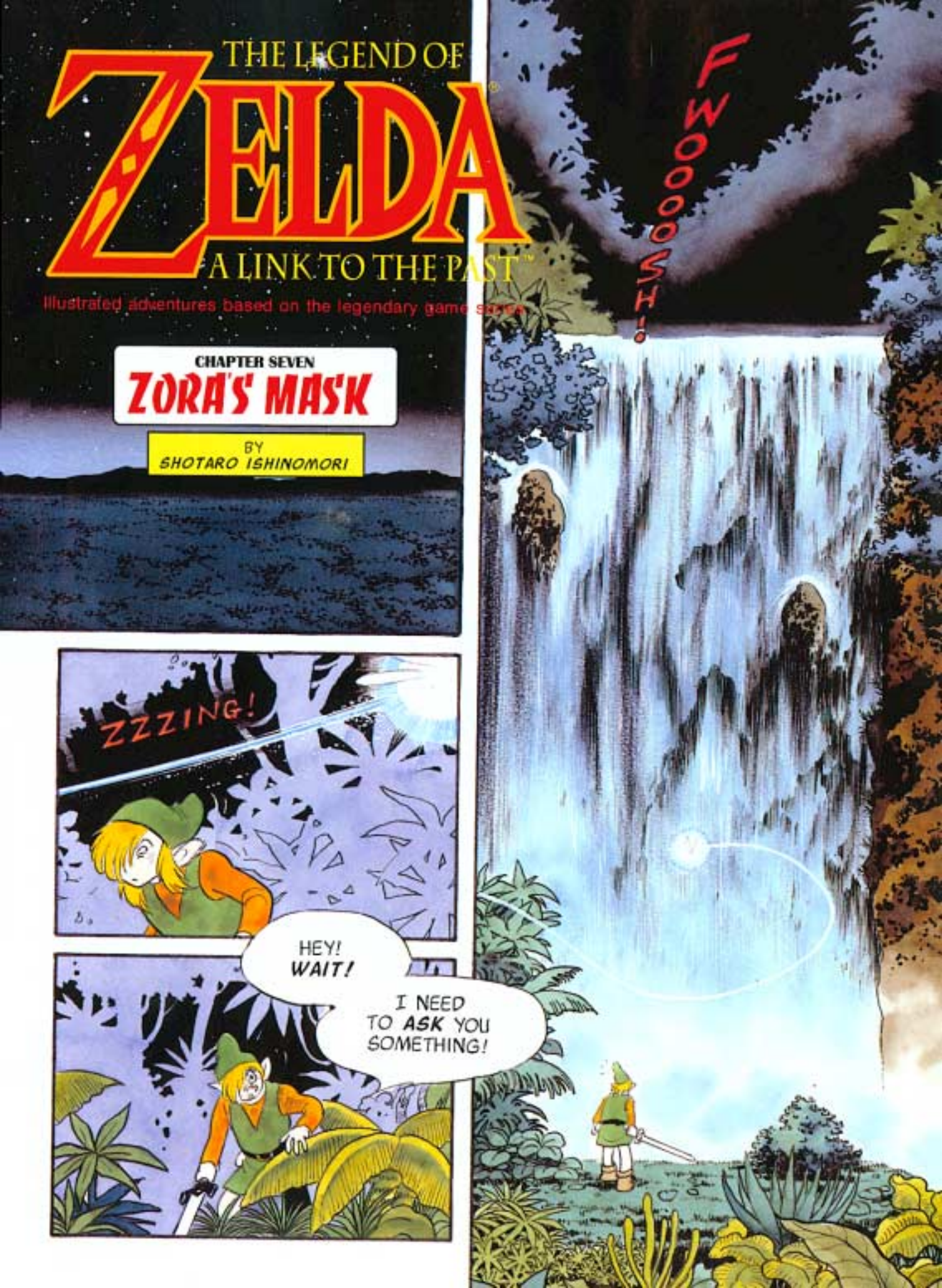


OMIGOSH!
SPLOOSH!
WHOORR
UNNH...
AWWW...
THUD!
THE SWORD...
SO HEAVYYY...

WOO...
I GUESS THIS IS THE END!!
GLOM!
UGGH! YOU'RRE AN UGLY LITTLE MANNN...BUT YOU HAVE MY THANKSSS FOR HELPING MY EPHEREMELDA...I SSSAW YOUR SSSWORD AND THOUGHT YOU WERE THE KNIGHT...
A DANGEROUSSS MAN WHO SSWUNG THE SSSINGULAR MASSSTER SSSSWORD... ROMMMU WASSS HIS NAME... HE'S THE ONE WHO SSSCARRED MY FOREHEAD...
A KNIGHT?!
MASTER SWORD? THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL THIS!
YOUR BLADE DOES BEAR A RESSSEMBLANCE TO HISSS...
IT'SSS THE HEALING POWER OF MY EPHEREMELDA'S WINGSSS...THAT IS WHAT MAKESSS HER DESSSIRABLE TO THE THIEVES OF THISSS WORLD...
OH?!
SUDDENLY I FEEL HEALED AND REFRESHED!

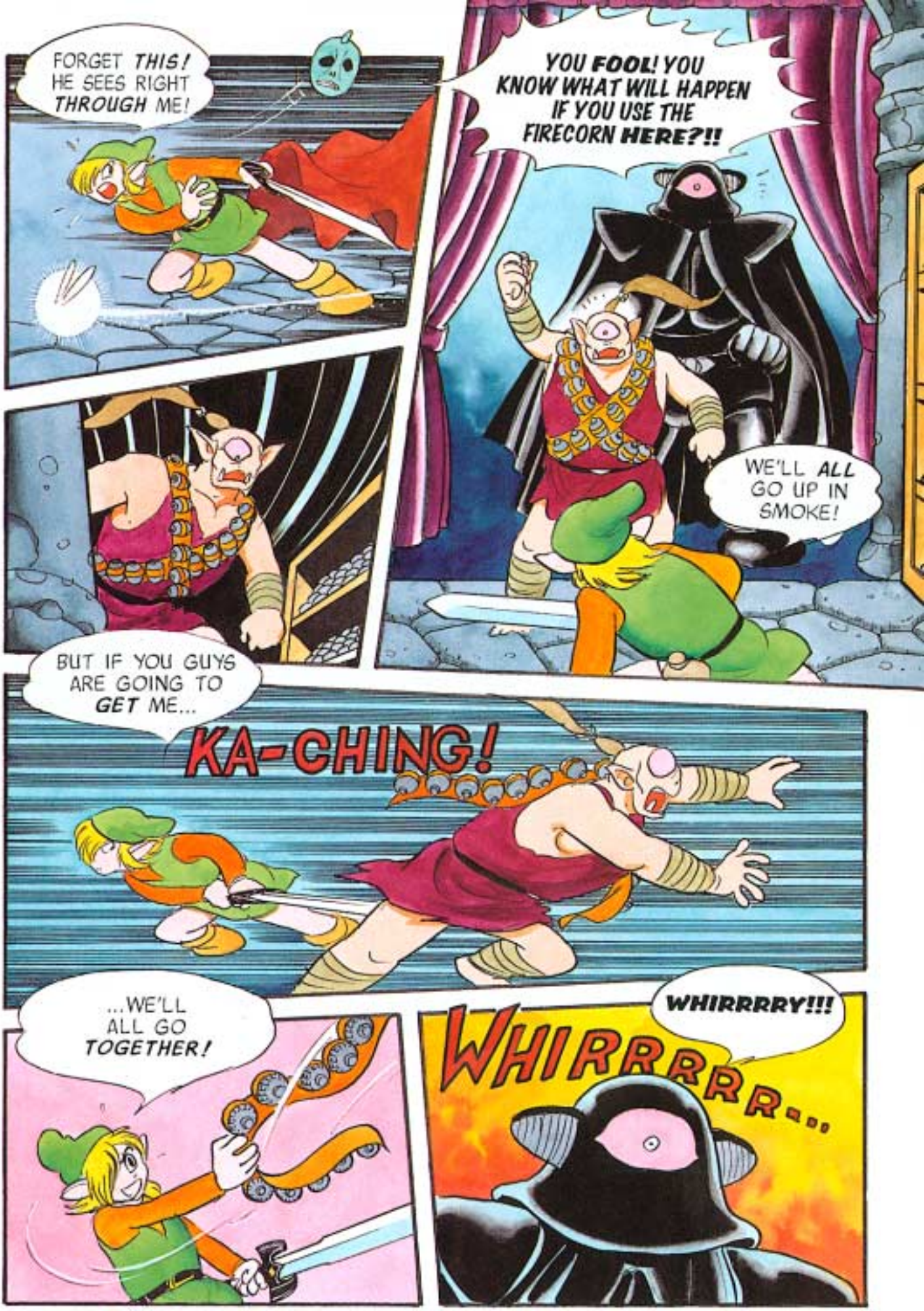
MY NAME ISSS ZZZORA...MMMY PEOPLE HAD LIVED IN PEACE SSSINCE WATER FIRSSST FELL UPON THE EARTH...
...UNTIL GANON USSSURPED THE POWER OF GOLD AND CREATED THE DARK WORLD!
SO YOU ARE NOT ONE OF GANON'S FOLLOWERS?
OH, REALLY? AGAHNIM AND GANON ARE GOOD BUDDIES!
THAT'S RIGHT! SOME PEOPLE ARE OPPOSED TO HIS RULE, YA KNOW!
SAYYY...I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND HERE BEFORE!
S-O-I..
WELL, I TRIED TO SAVE ZELDA...
...BUT AGAHNIM CAST ME INTO THIS WORLD!
EVEN THOUGH GANON HAS THE TRI-FORCE, HE CAN'T GO TO HYRULE! SO, HE SENT AGAHNIM THERE TO DO HIS DIRTY WORK!
AGAHNIM SENT THE MAIDENS HERE SO GANON COULD STEAL THEIR POWER!
THEN THE MISSING GIRLS...
...AND ZELDA... ARE ALIVE AND IN THIS WORLD?
YESSS, AND ONE IS IMPRISONED IN CRYSTAL IN THE PALACE NEARBY...
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T GO THERE!

IN LEGENDSSS THAT PLACE IS KNOWN AS THE PALACE OF DARKNESS...GANON'S SERVANTSS HAVE SSSTOCKPILED THE DANGEROUSSS, EXPLOSSSIVE FIRECORN THERE...
I'VE ALREADY SEEN WHAT THE FIRECORN CAN DO, BUT NO MATTER WHAT...
I MUST RESCUE THE GIRL WHO IS HELD THERE!
COOL!
HMMMMM...
IF YOU MUSSST GO, TAKE MY EPHEREMELDA FOR YOUR GGGUIDE...
...ALSO, YOUR GGGROTÉSSSQUE FACE ISSS TOO CONSSSPICUOUSSS...
FLICK!
AHHH... SPLENDID! TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, EPHEREMELDA!
...YOU MUSST WEAR ZZZORA'S MASSSK!!
SPLORK!
...

IT'S THE PALACE OF DARKNESS!
AND INSIDE, A MAIDEN IN A CRYSTAL COCCOON...
MAYBE IT'S ZELDA!
IGNORE THE GUARDS! TRY TA LOOK LIKE YA BELONG HERE!
WHAT?!

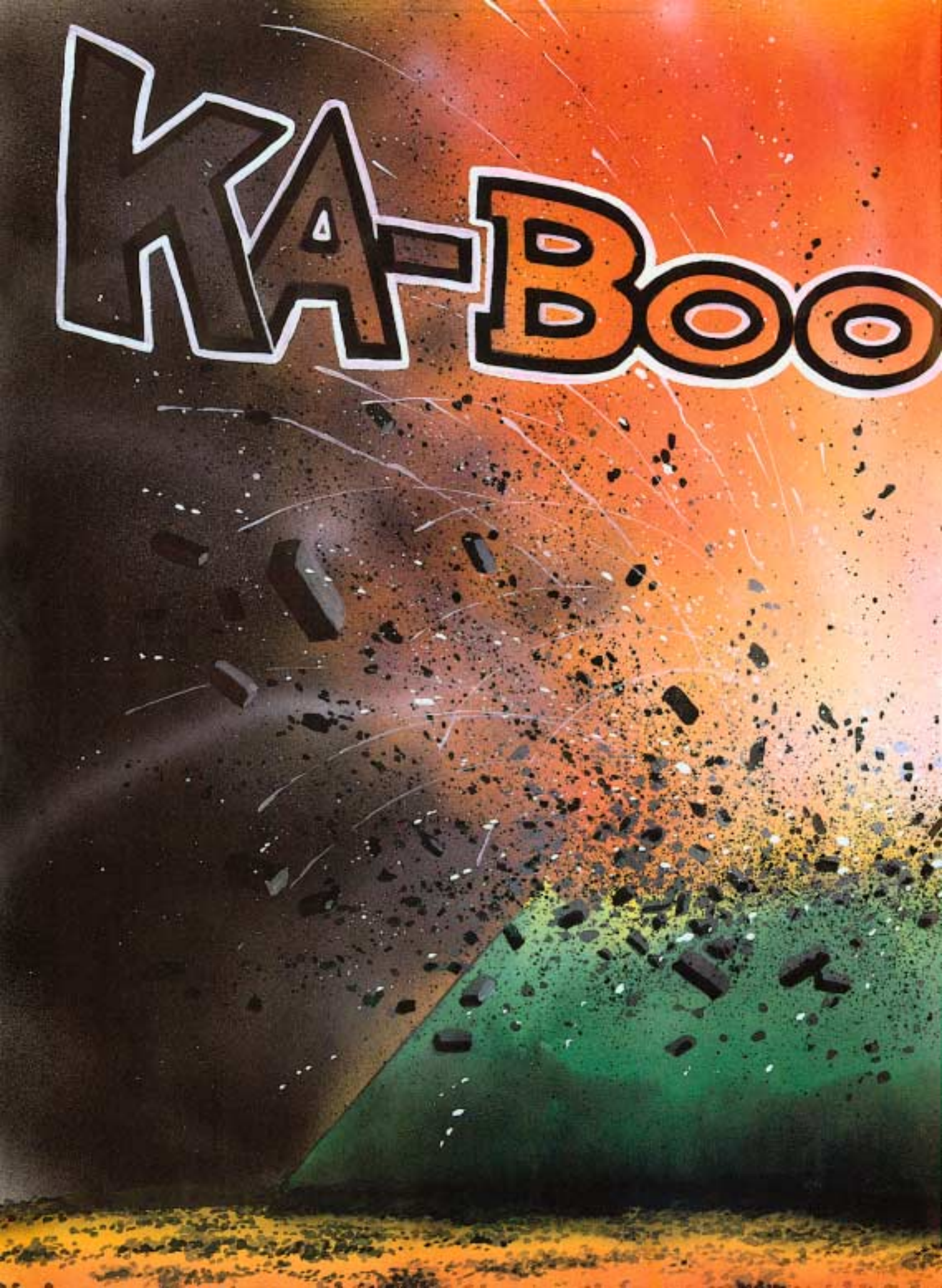
...
NOW I KNOW WHY ZORA PUT THIS THING ON MY FACE!
SHHH...
THE STOREROOM OF THE PALACE!
IF THIS WENT OFF, THEY WOULDN'T CALL IT THE PALACE OF DARKNESS!!

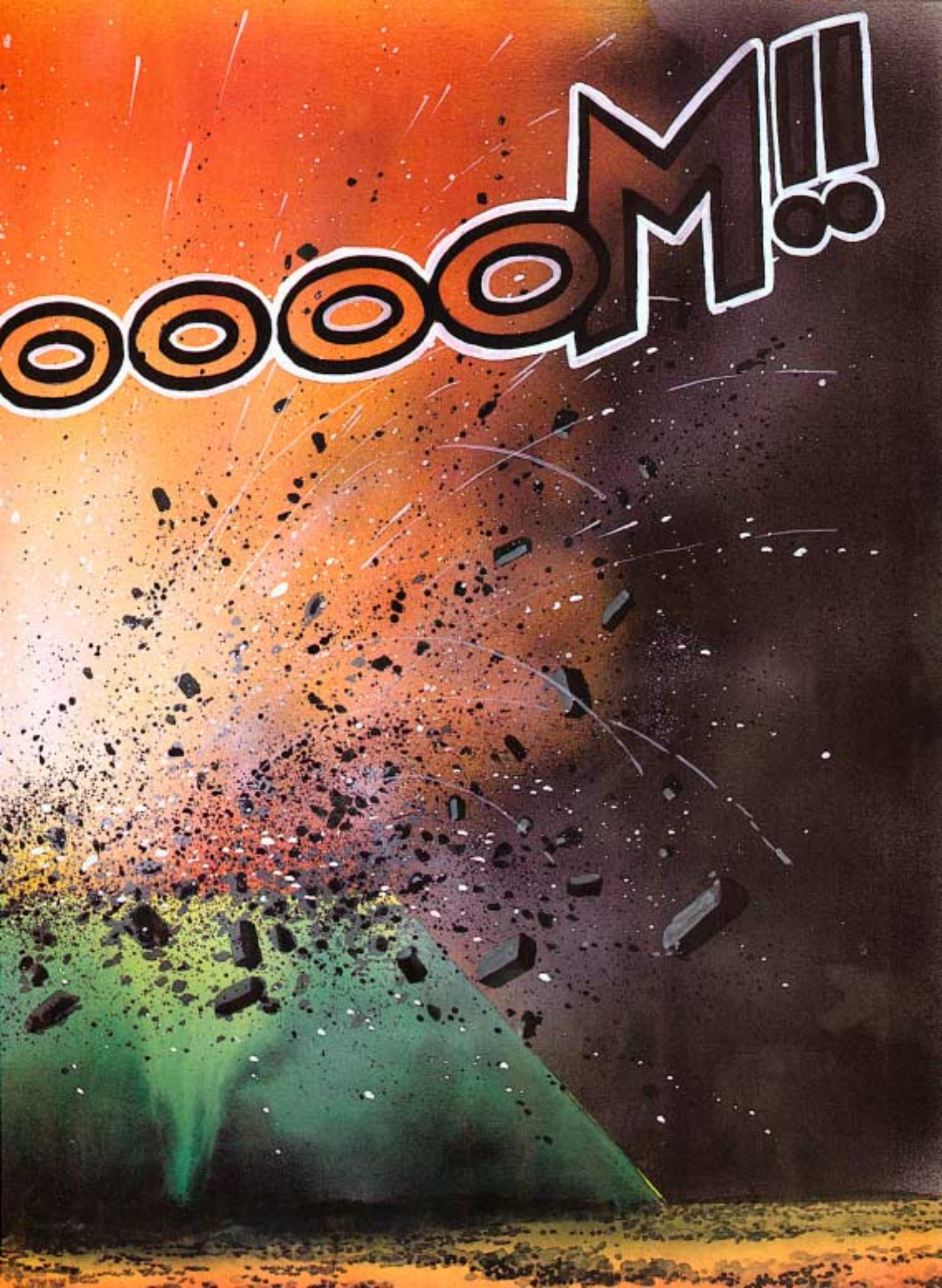
YIKES!
≥WHEW!≤ JUST A STATUE! DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
IT'S ROCKLOPS #1!
I CAN SEE ANOTHER FACE BEHIND THE MASK! THE FACE OF AN INTRUDER! DEATH TO THE INTERLOPER!
WHIRRRR...
VZZZIT!
OH, NO!


FORGET THIS! HE SEES RIGHT THROUGH ME!
YOU FOOL! YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU USE THE FIRECORN HERE?!!
WE'LL ALL GO UP IN SMOKE!
BUT IF YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO GET ME...
KA-CHING!
...WE'LL ALL GO TOGETHER!
WHIRRRRY!!!
WHIRRRRR...

IT'S THE CRYSTAL COCCOON
WHIRRRR WHIRRR
ZELDA?!
WHIRRRR
NO, IT'S NOT HER!
GLEEOCK!!
GRRRROARRR!!
DRAT!
KA-TINK!

GRRRRUGGH!!
RRRRUMBLE!
WOULD YOU MIND TAKING THEM A PRESENT!?
WE HAVE ONE CHANCE...
WOULD I MIND?
WHIZZZ!
WHIZZZ!
LINK!! THERE'S MORE ON THE WAY!
I'D LOVE TO!


KA-BOO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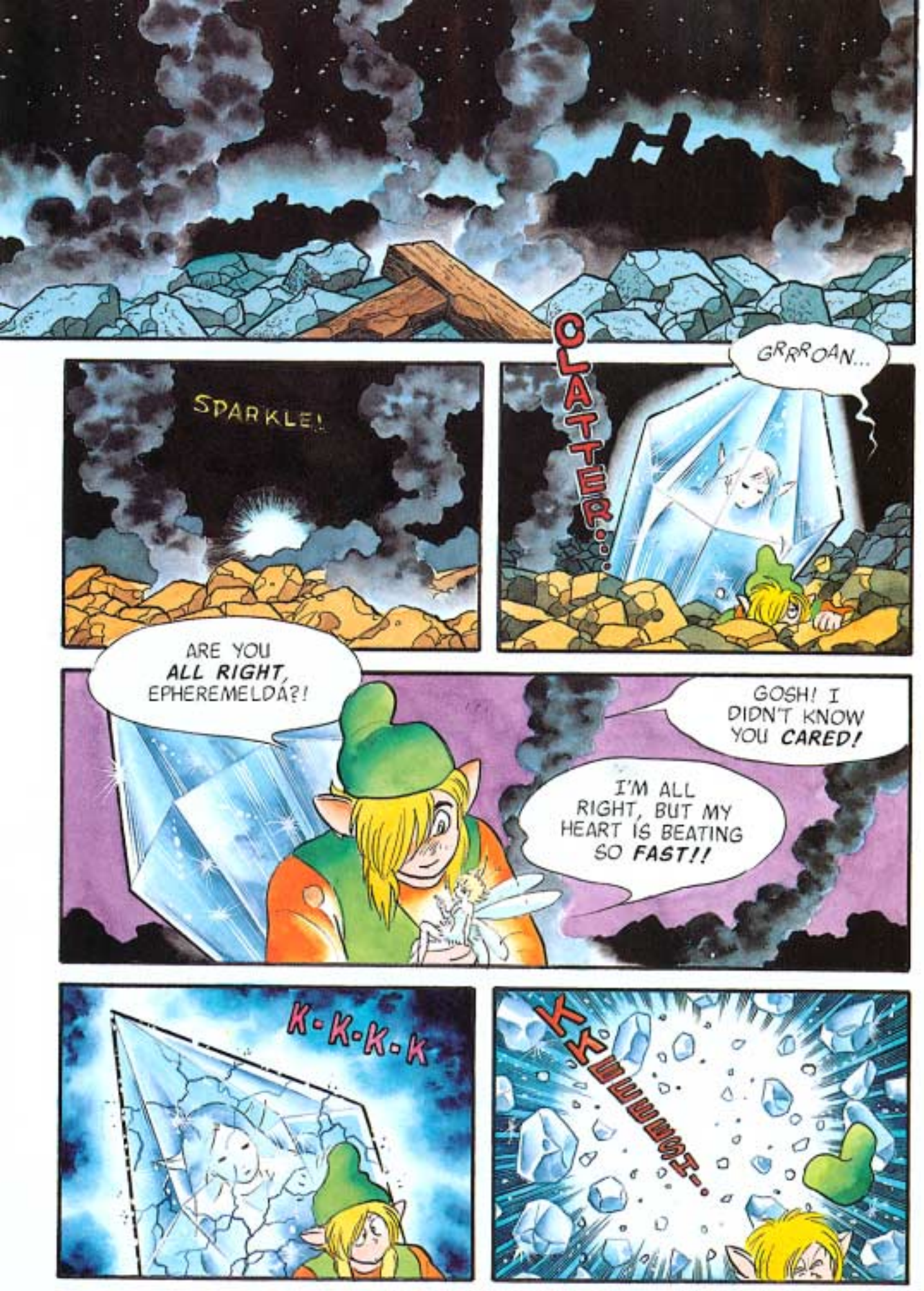
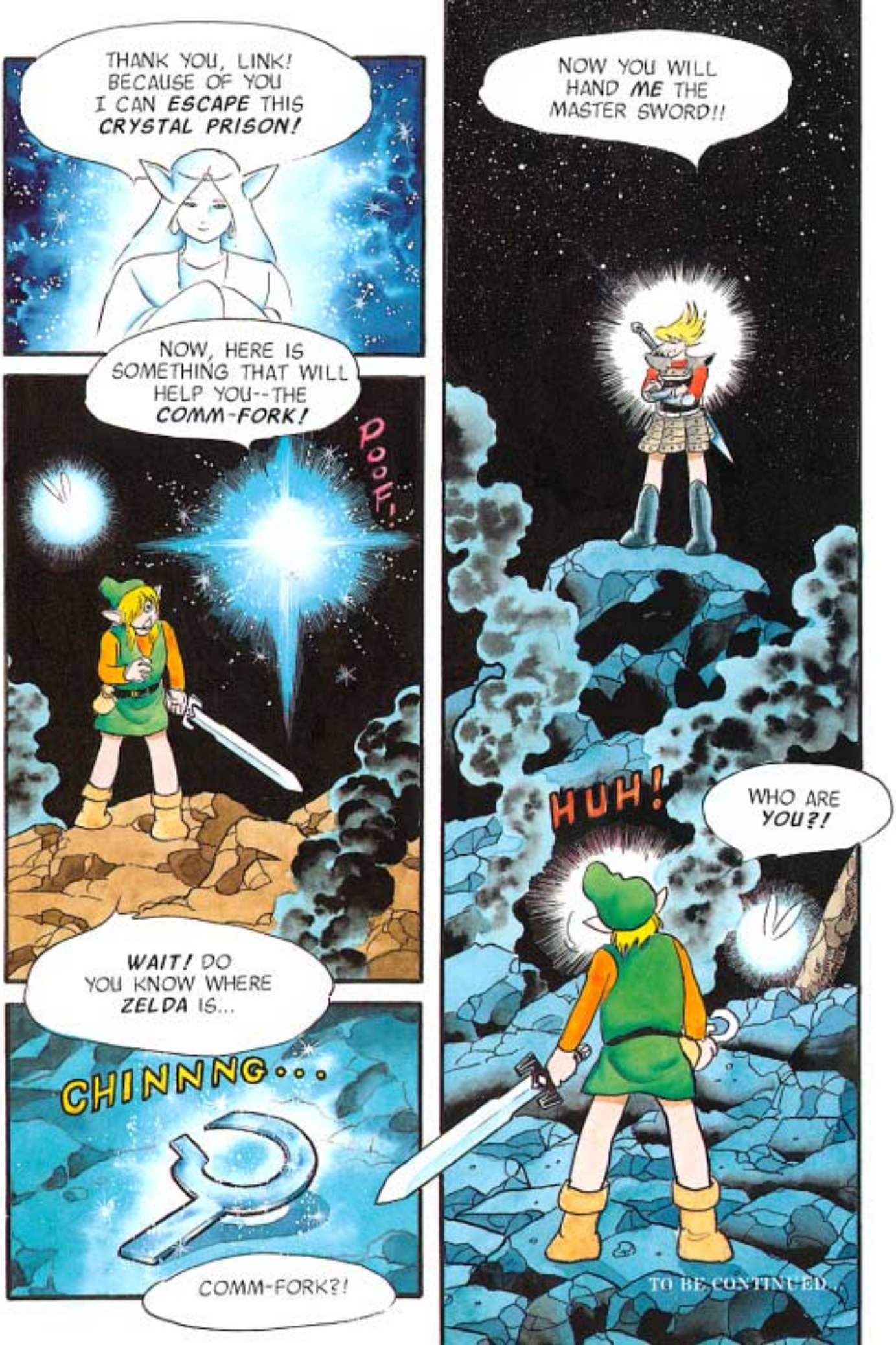
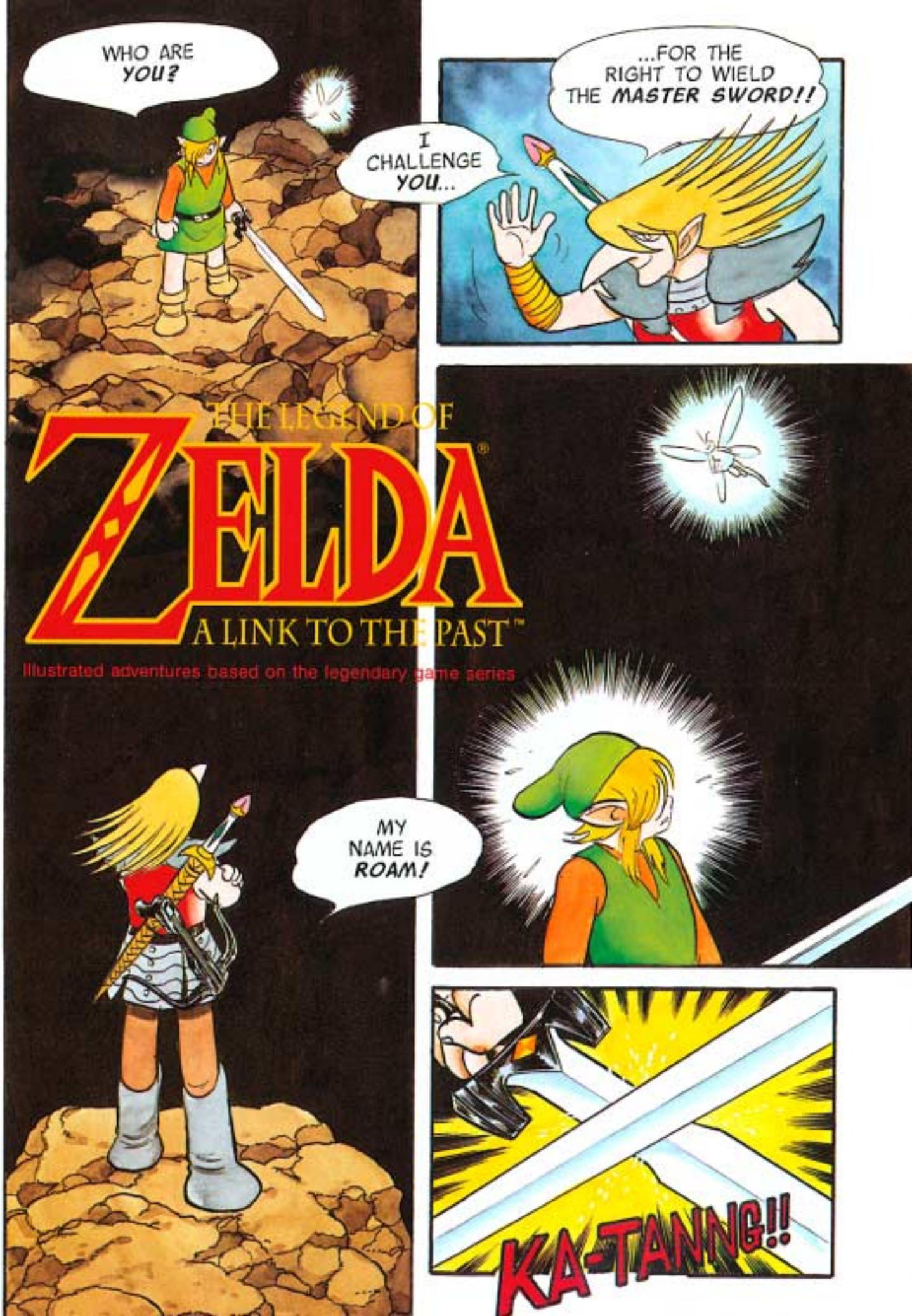

SPARKLE!
CLATTER...
GRRROAN...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, EPHEREMELDA?!
GOSH! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CARED!
I'M ALL RIGHT, BUT MY HEART IS BEATING SO FAST!!
K-K-K-K
KYYY


THANK YOU, LINK! BECAUSE OF YOU I CAN ESCAPE THIS CRYSTAL PRISON!
NOW, HERE IS SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP YOU--THE COMM-FORK!
POOF!
WAIT! DO YOU KNOW WHERE ZELDA IS...
CHINNNG...
COMM-FORK?!
NOW YOU WILL HAND ME THE MASTER SWORD!!
HUH!
WHO ARE YOU?!
TO BE CONTINUED...


WHO ARE YOU?
I CHALLENGE YOU...
...FOR THE RIGHT TO WIELD THE MASTER SWORD!!
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MY NAME IS ROAM!
KA-TANNG!!

SI-I...
DEFEND YOURSELF!
RUSTLE!
SKREEK!
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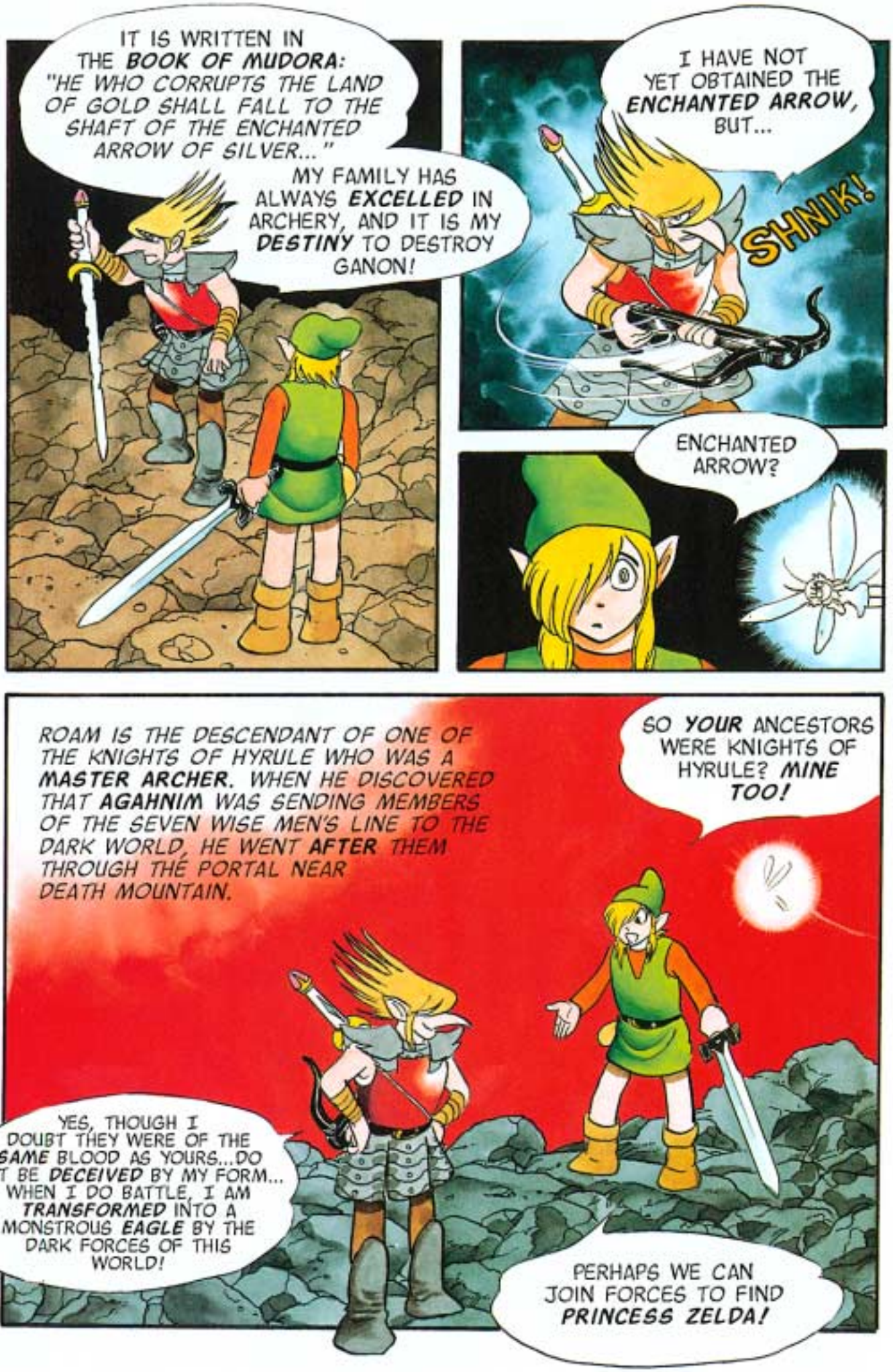
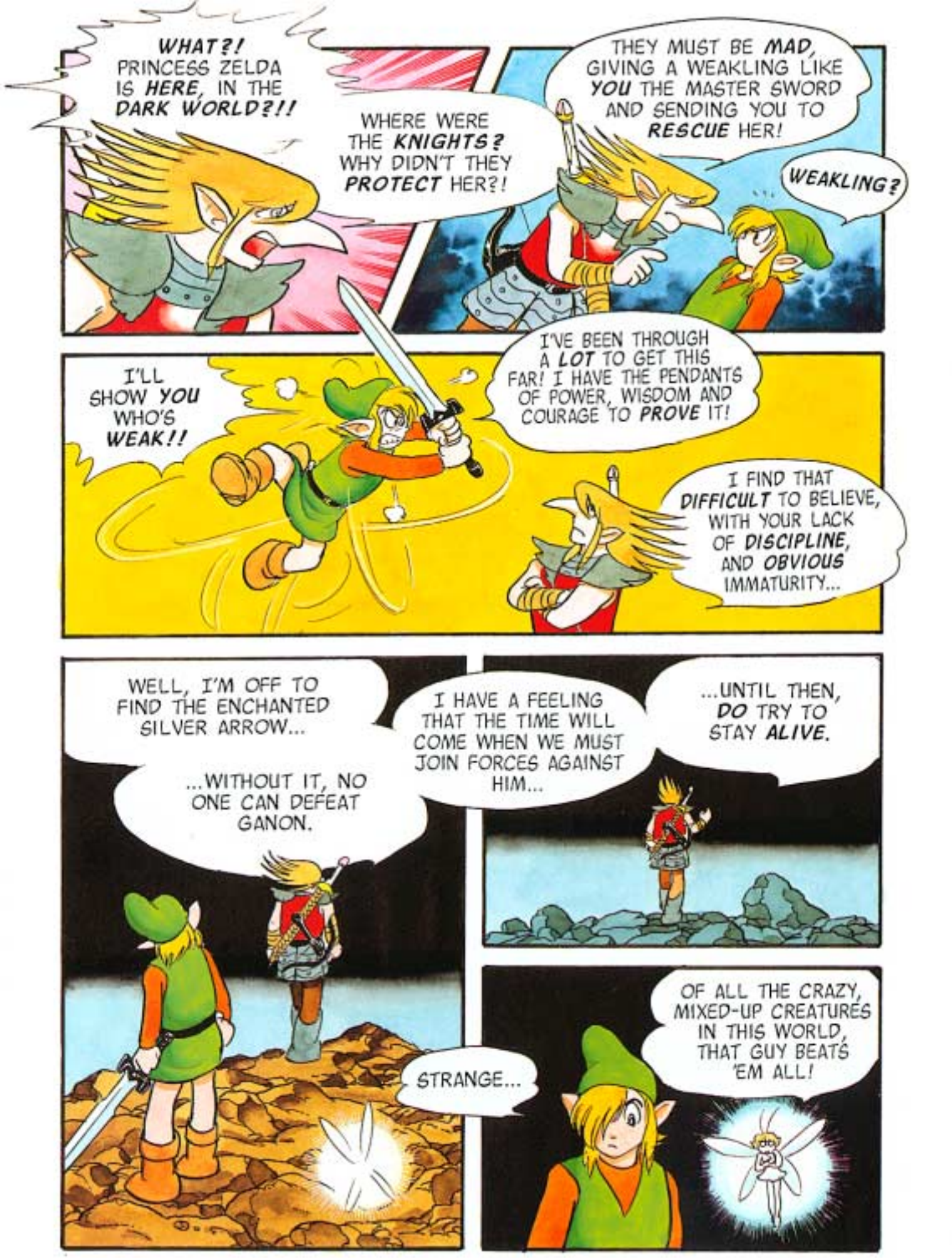
ROAM, THE MYSTERY KNIGHT
IF YOU ARE TRULY THE HERO...
...AND YOUR SWORD IS REALLY THE MASTER SWORD...

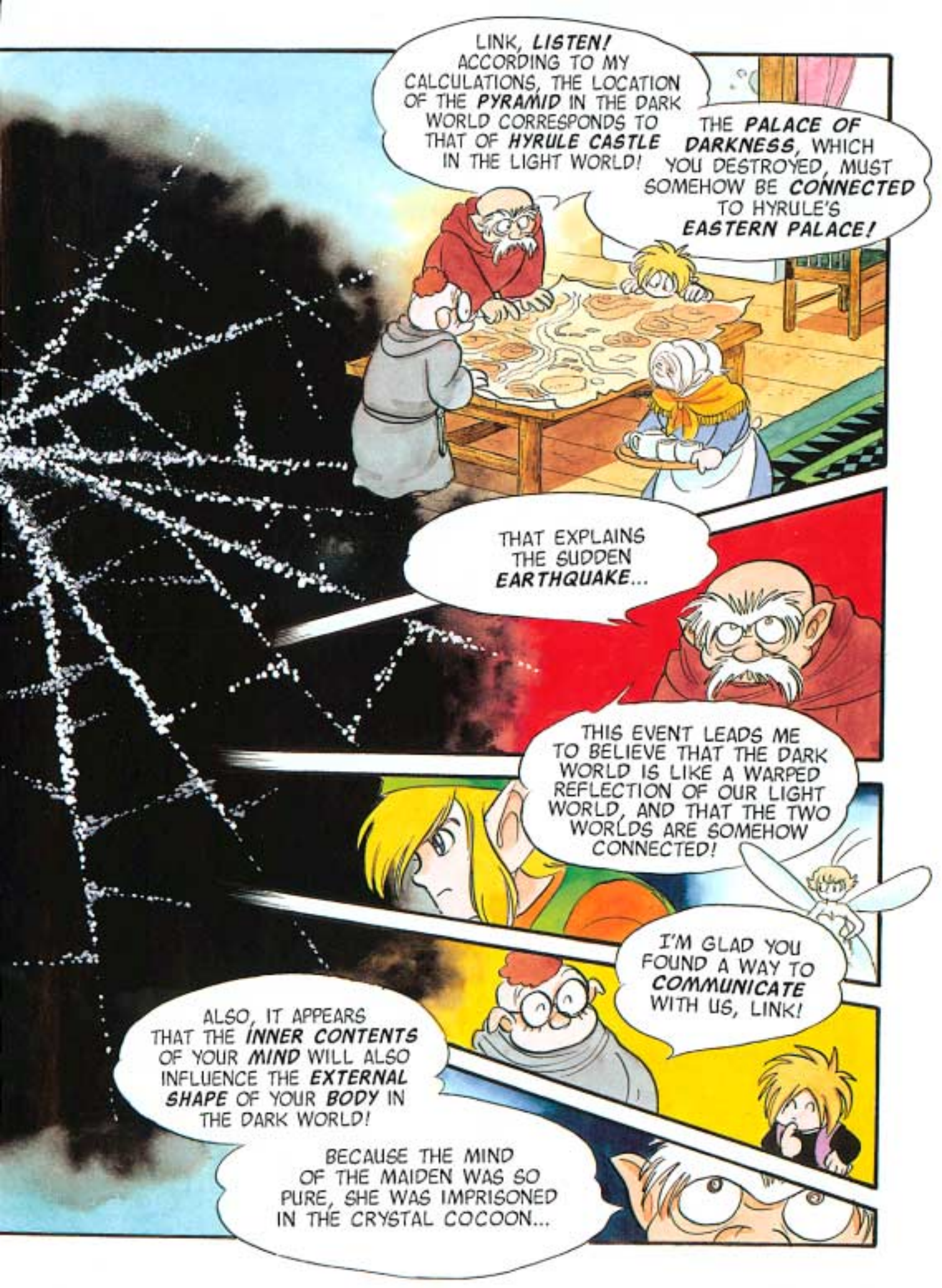
...YOU SHOULD BE VALIANT ENOUGH TO COUNTER MY ATTACK!!
VZZZZT!!
...!
HAH!
YOU FIGHT WELL...OR IS IT JUST LUCK?
I MAY HAVE MISJUDGED YOU, HERO...
WHAT A LOON!!

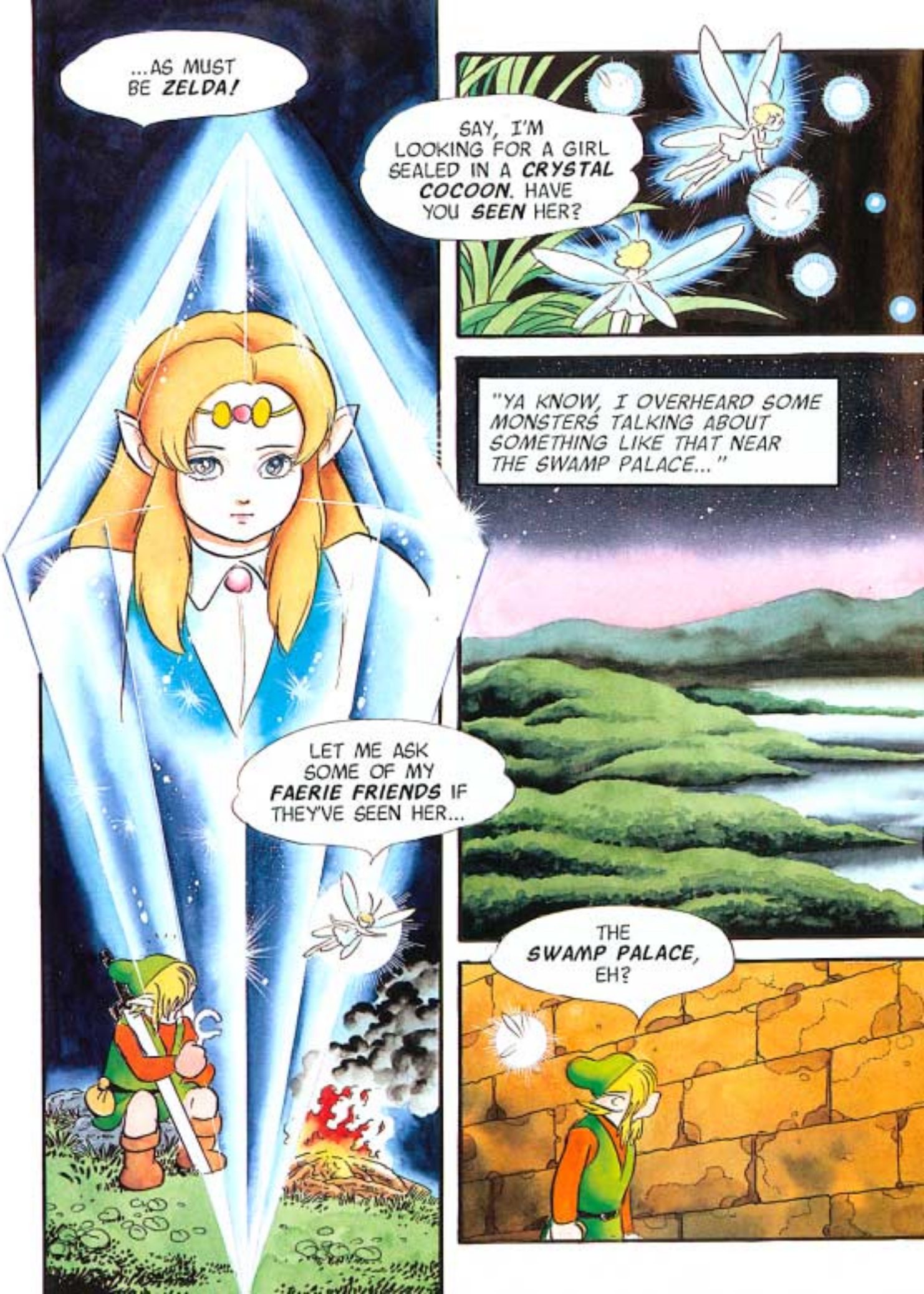

IT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF MUDORA: "HE WHO CORRUPTS THE LAND OF GOLD SHALL FALL TO THE SHAFT OF THE ENCHANTED ARROW OF SILVER..."
MY FAMILY HAS ALWAYS EXCELLED IN ARCHERY, AND IT IS MY DESTINY TO DESTROY GANON!
I HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED THE ENCHANTED ARROW, BUT...
SHNIK!
ENCHANTED ARROW?
ROAM IS THE DESCENDANT OF ONE OF THE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE WHO WAS A MASTER ARCHER. WHEN HE DISCOVERED THAT AGAHNIM WAS SENDING MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN WISE MEN'S LINE TO THE DARK WORLD, HE WENT AFTER THEM THROUGH THE PORTAL NEAR DEATH MOUNTAIN.
SO YOUR ANCESTORS WERE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE? MINE TOO!
YES, THOUGH I DOUBT THEY WERE OF THE SAME BLOOD AS YOURS...DO NOT BE DECEIVED BY MY FORM... WHEN I DO BATTLE, I AM TRANSFORMED INTO A MONSTROUS EAGLE BY THE DARK FORCES OF THIS WORLD!
PERHAPS WE CAN JOIN FORCES TO FIND PRINCESS ZELDA!


WHAT?! PRINCESS ZELDA IS HERE, IN THE DARK WORLD?!!
WHERE WERE THE KNIGHTS? WHY DIDN'T THEY PROTECT HER?!
THEY MUST BE MAD, GIVING A WEAKLING LIKE YOU THE MASTER SWORD AND SENDING YOU TO RESCUE HER!
WEAKLING?
I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S WEAK!!
I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TO GET THIS FAR! I HAVE THE PENDANTS OF POWER, WISDOM AND COURAGE TO PROVE IT!
I FIND THAT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE, WITH YOUR LACK OF DISCIPLINE, AND OBVIOUS IMMATURITY...
WELL, I'M OFF TO FIND THE ENCHANTED SILVER ARROW...
...WITHOUT IT, NO ONE CAN DEFEAT GANON.
I HAVE A FEELING THAT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN WE MUST JOIN FORCES AGAINST HIM...
...UNTIL THEN, DO TRY TO STAY ALIVE.
STRANGE...
OF ALL THE CRAZY, MIXED-UP CREATURES IN THIS WORLD, THAT GUY BEATS 'EM ALL!

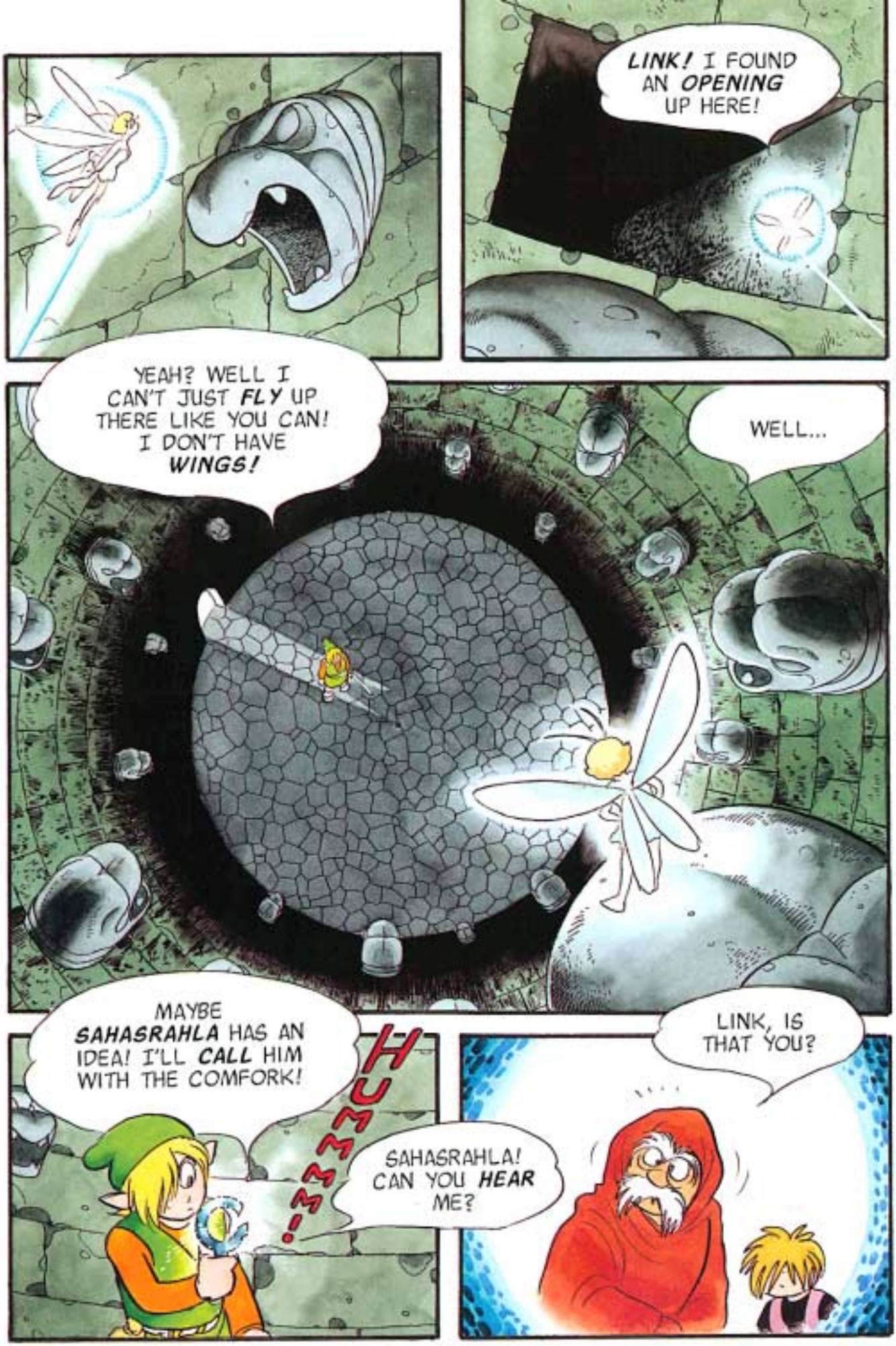
HUMMM!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
...AND THE EASTERN PALACE WAS SHAKEN BY A QUAKE THAT ALMOST LEVELLED IT...
HUMMMM!
SAHASRAHLA!!
SHHH...DID YOU HEAR THAT? I THOUGHT I HEARD LINK'S VOICE...
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING...
YOU MUST BE HEARING THINGS... AFTER ALL, YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HIM A LOT LATELY...
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. ANYWAY, WHERE WAS I? YES, THE STRANGE PENDANT...
I CAN SEE THEM...
...WHEN THE COMFORK RINGS! THE GIRL IN THE CRYSTAL WASN'T KIDDING WHEN SHE SAID IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL!

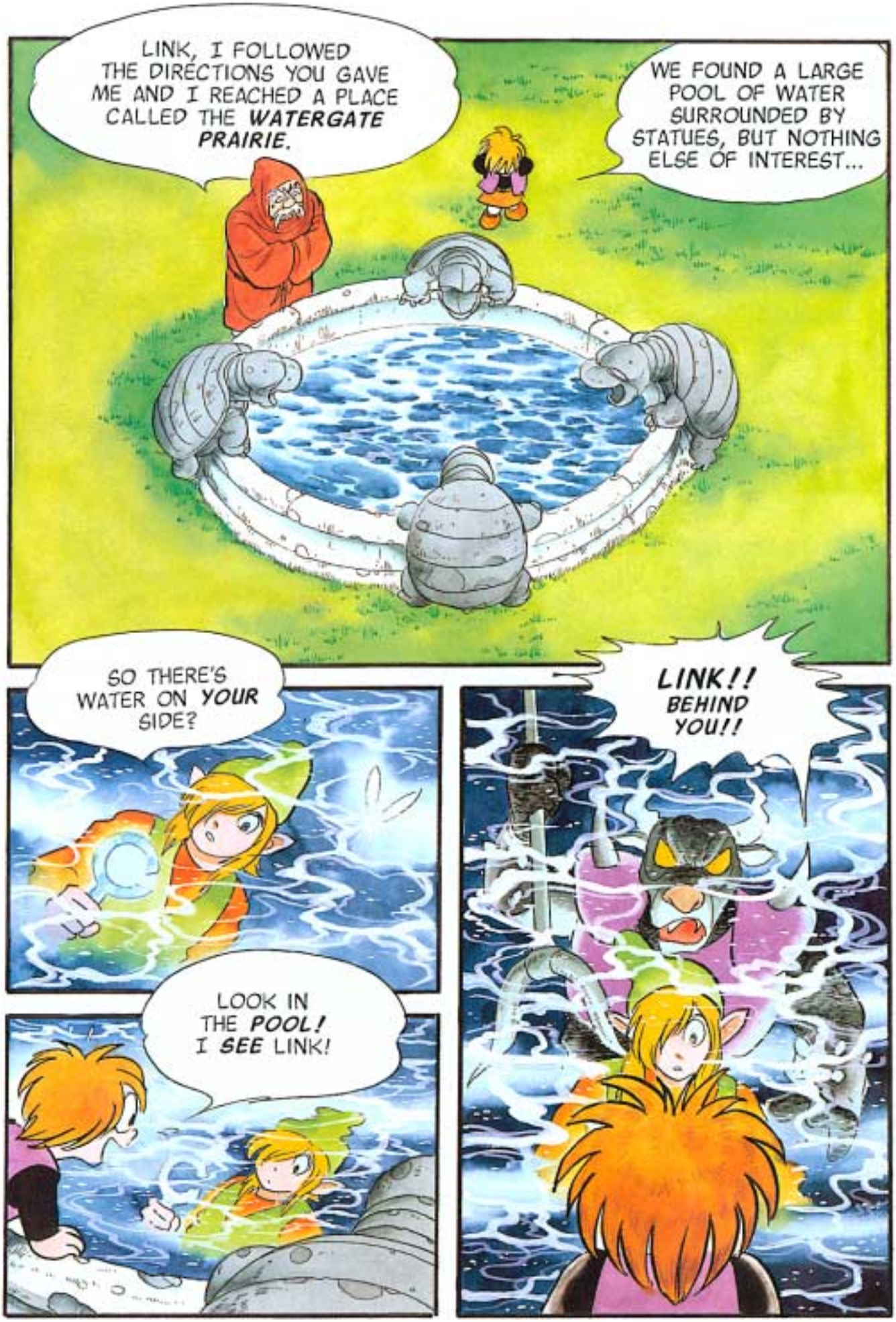
NOW I HEAR HIM!
BUT IF HE IS IN THE DARK WORLD...AHHH, IT MUST BE THE MAGICAL COMFORK, OF LEGEND! THE VIBRATIONS OF THIS CRYSTAL TUNING FORK CAN DISTORT TIME AND SPACE...
WHILE THE COMFORK VIBRATES, YOU CAN COMMUNICATE WITH BEINGS ON DIFFERENT PLANES OF EXISTENCE...
SO DO I...
LINK? I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!
THROUGH THE COMFORK'S MAGIC, LINK TOLD HIS FRIENDS ABOUT HIS JOURNEY THROUGH THE DARK WORLD AND ABOUT HIS BATTLES AT THE PYRAMID AND THE PALACE OF DARKNESS. AS HE SPOKE, SAHASRAHLA NOTED SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE DARK WORLD AND HYRULE ON HIS MAP OF THE LAND.


LINK, LISTEN! ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THE LOCATION OF THE PYRAMID IN THE DARK WORLD CORRESPONDS TO THAT OF HYRULE CASTLE IN THE LIGHT WORLD!
THE PALACE OF DARKNESS, WHICH YOU DESTROYED, MUST SOMEHOW BE CONNECTED TO HYRULE'S EASTERN PALACE!
THAT EXPLAINS THE SUDDEN EARTHQUAKE...
THIS EVENT LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE DARK WORLD IS LIKE A WARPED REFLECTION OF OUR LIGHT WORLD, AND THAT THE TWO WORLDS ARE SOMEHOW CONNECTED!
I'M GLAD YOU FOUND A WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH US, LINK!
ALSO, IT APPEARS THAT THE INNER CONTENTS OF YOUR MIND WILL ALSO INFLUENCE THE EXTERNAL SHAPE OF YOUR BODY IN THE DARK WORLD!
BECAUSE THE MIND OF THE MAIDEN WAS SO PURE, SHE WAS IMPRISONED IN THE CRYSTAL COCOON...


...AS MUST BE ZELDA!
SAY, I'M LOOKING FOR A GIRL SEALED IN A CRYSTAL COCOON. HAVE YOU SEEN HER?
"YA KNOW, I OVERHEARD SOME MONSTERS TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT NEAR THE SWAMP PALACE..."
LET ME ASK SOME OF MY FAERIE FRIENDS IF THEY'VE SEEN HER...
THE SWAMP PALACE, EH?

HAVE I SEEN HER?
THERE'S NO WATER HERE!
THIS PLACE IS AS DRY AS A TOMB!!

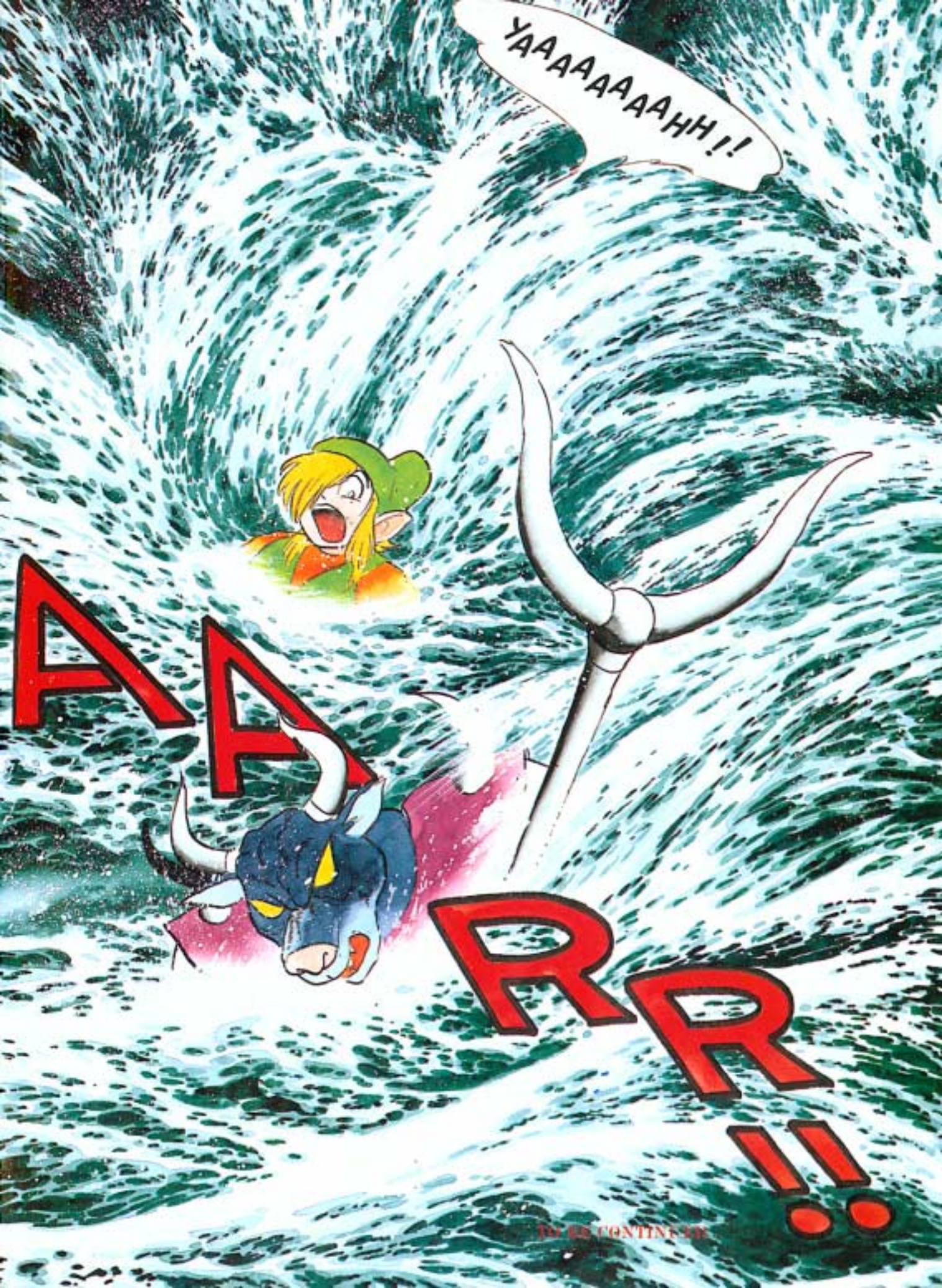

LINK! I FOUND AN OPENING UP HERE!
YEAH? WELL I CAN'T JUST FLY UP THERE LIKE YOU CAN! I DON'T HAVE WINGS!
WELL...
MAYBE SAHASRAHLA HAS AN IDEA! I'LL CALL HIM WITH THE COMFORK!
HUMMMM!
SAHASRAHLA! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
LINK, IS THAT YOU?

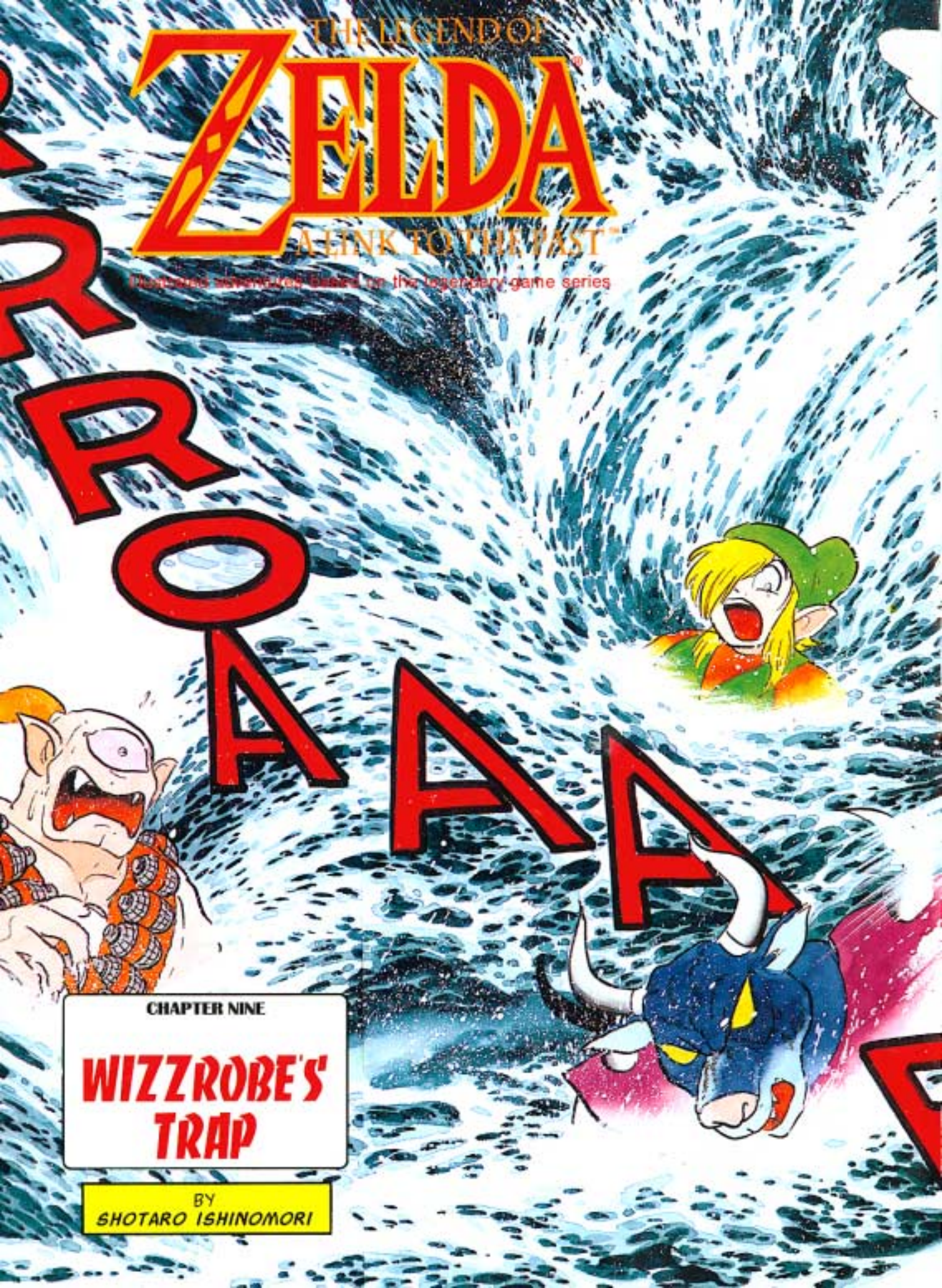

LINK, I FOLLOWED THE DIRECTIONS YOU GAVE ME AND I REACHED A PLACE CALLED THE WATERGATE PRAIRIE.
WE FOUND A LARGE POOL OF WATER SURROUNDED BY STATUES, BUT NOTHING ELSE OF INTEREST...
SO THERE'S WATER ON YOUR SIDE?
LOOK IN THE POOL! I SEE LINK!
LINK!! BEHIND YOU!!

KA-CLICK
TEK!
THUNNK!
HEH HEH HEH... I SHUT THE DOOR! NOW YOU'RE *TRAPPED* IN HERE!
WHEN WE TAKE YOU TO *GANON*, HE'LL REWARD US *WELL!*
DON'T COUNT YOUR RUPEES *YET*...YOU STILL HAVE TO *DEAL* WITH ME BEFORE YOU *COLLECT* THAT REWARD!

KA-CH UNK!
GET 'EM, LINK!!
PITA PATA PITA
FSSSSHH!!
UH-OH...
FWOOOSH!
FWOOOSH!

RRROA
FWOOOOOOSH!!
WHA--WHAT'S HAPPENING?


YAAAAAAAHH!!
AARR!!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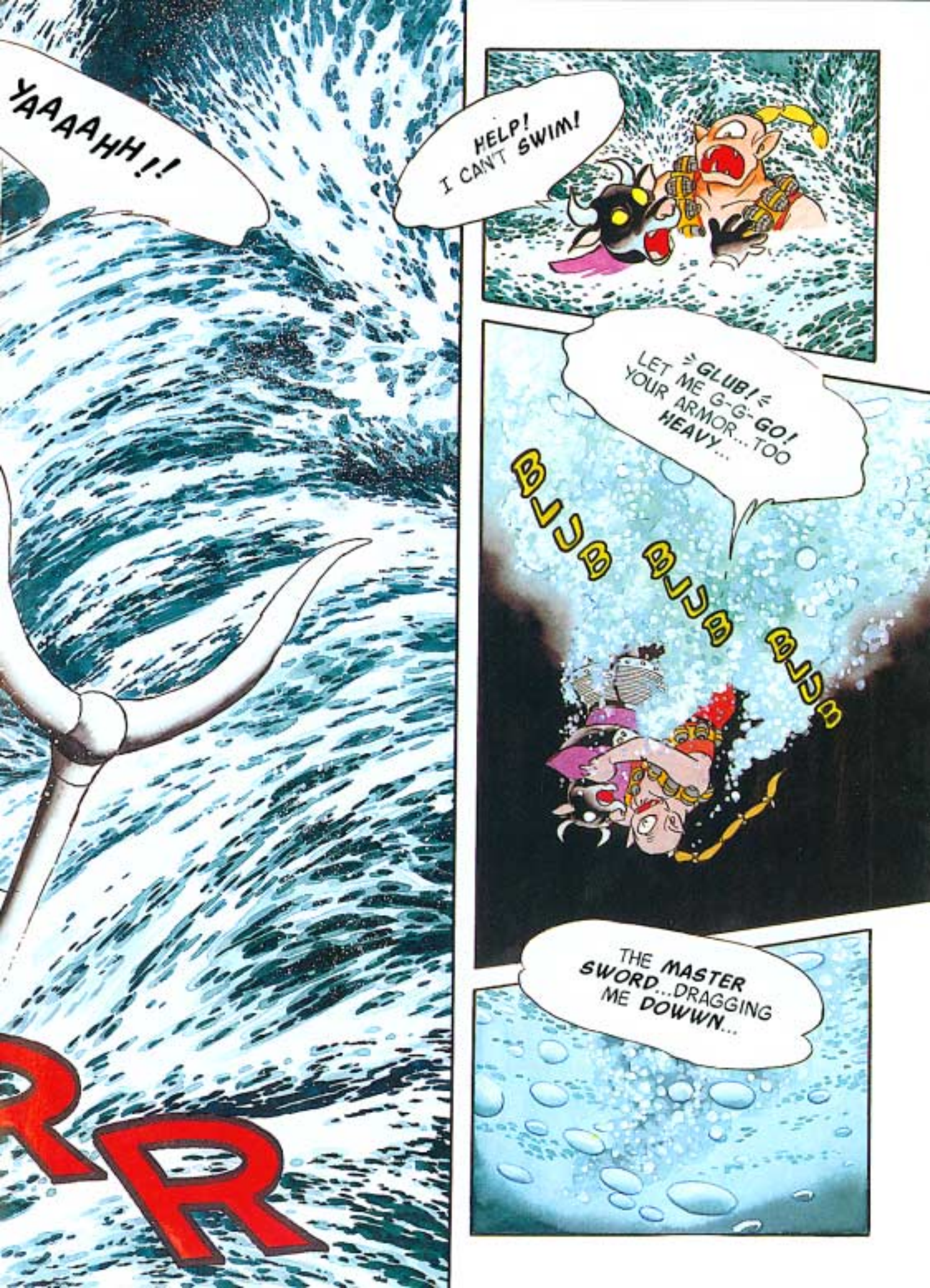
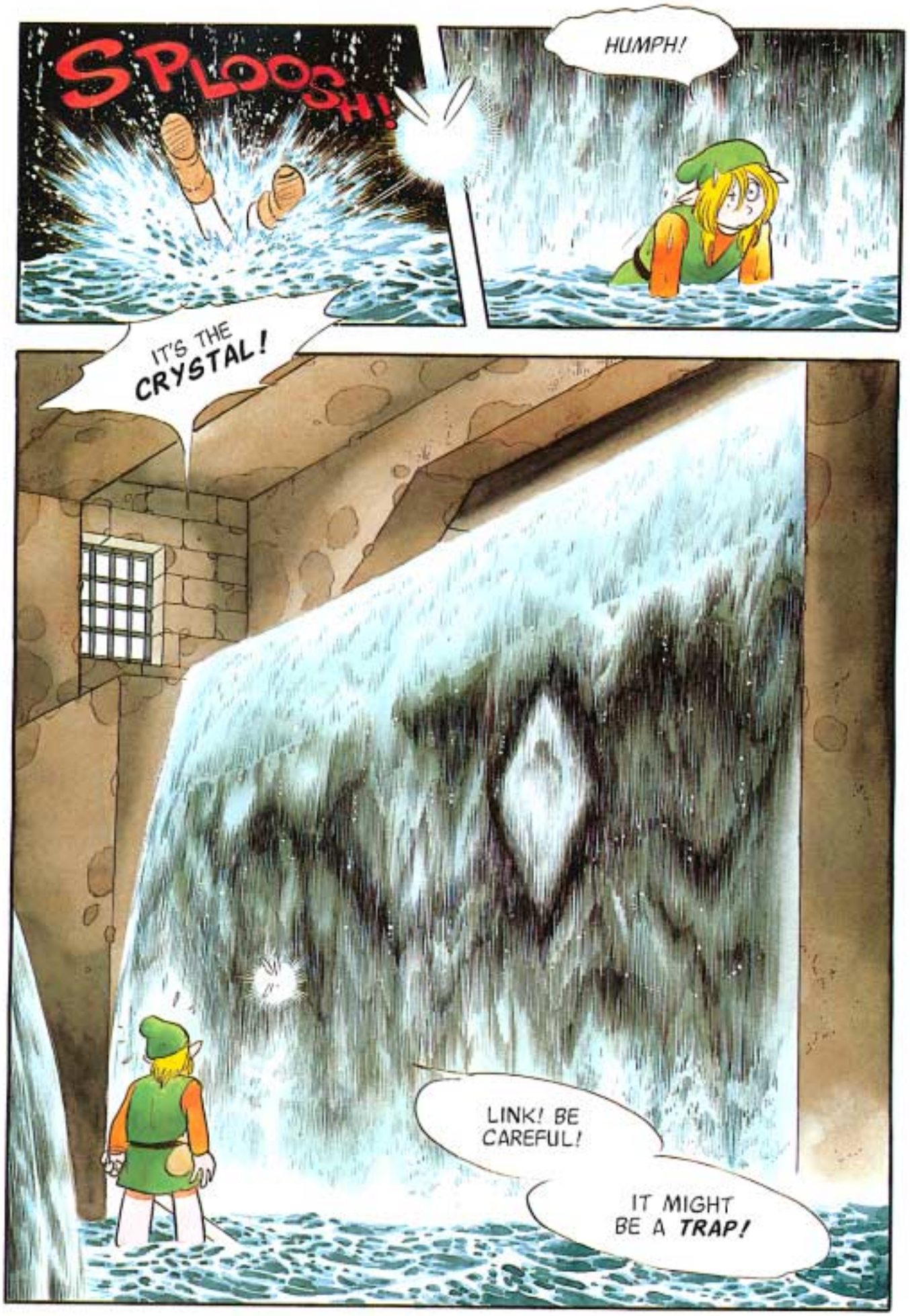
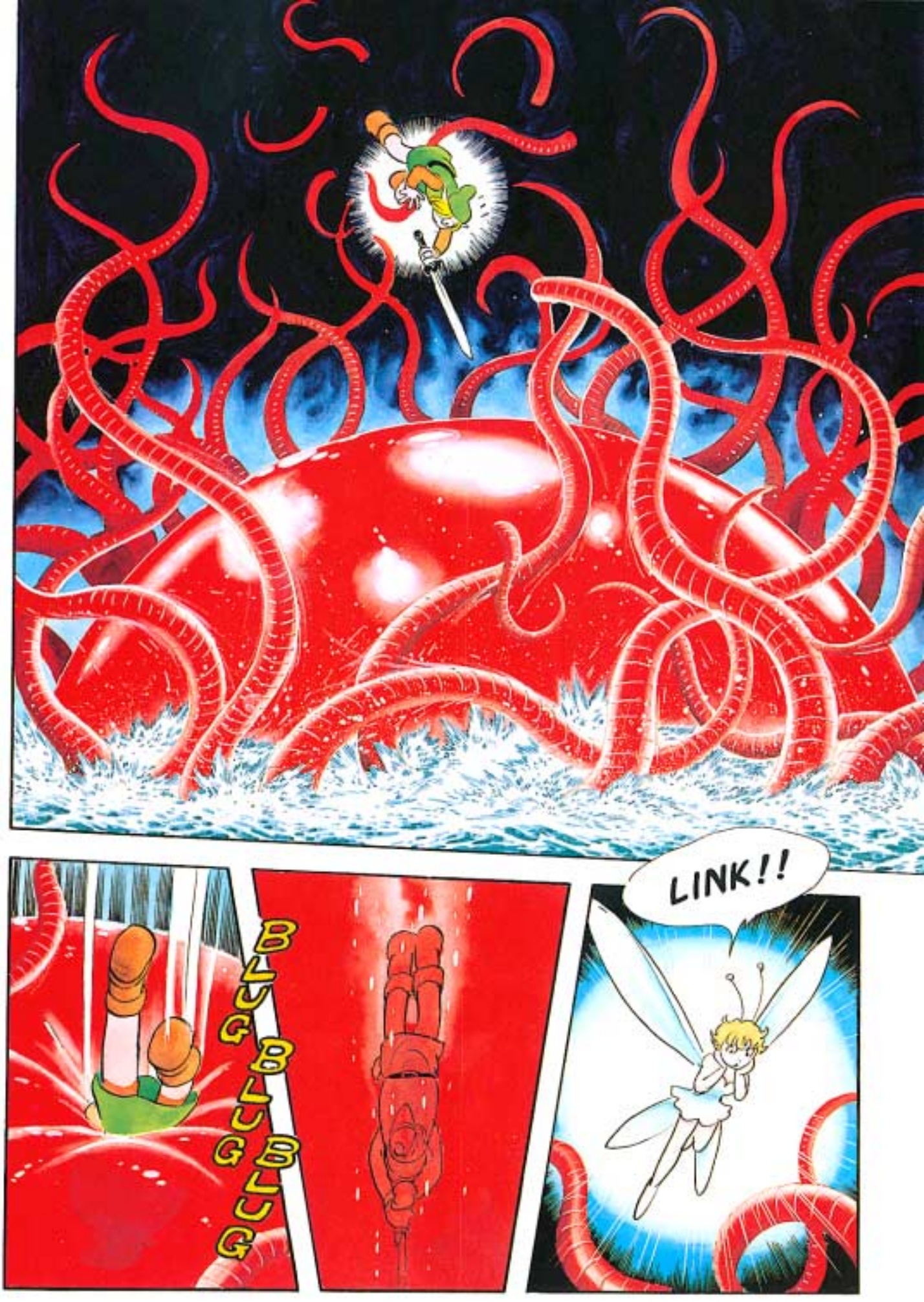

YAAAAHH!!
HELP! I CAN'T SWIM!
≠GLUB!≠ LET ME G-G-GO! YOUR ARMOR... TOO HEAVY...
BLUB BLUB BLUB
THE MASTER SWORD...DRAGGING ME DOWWN...
RR

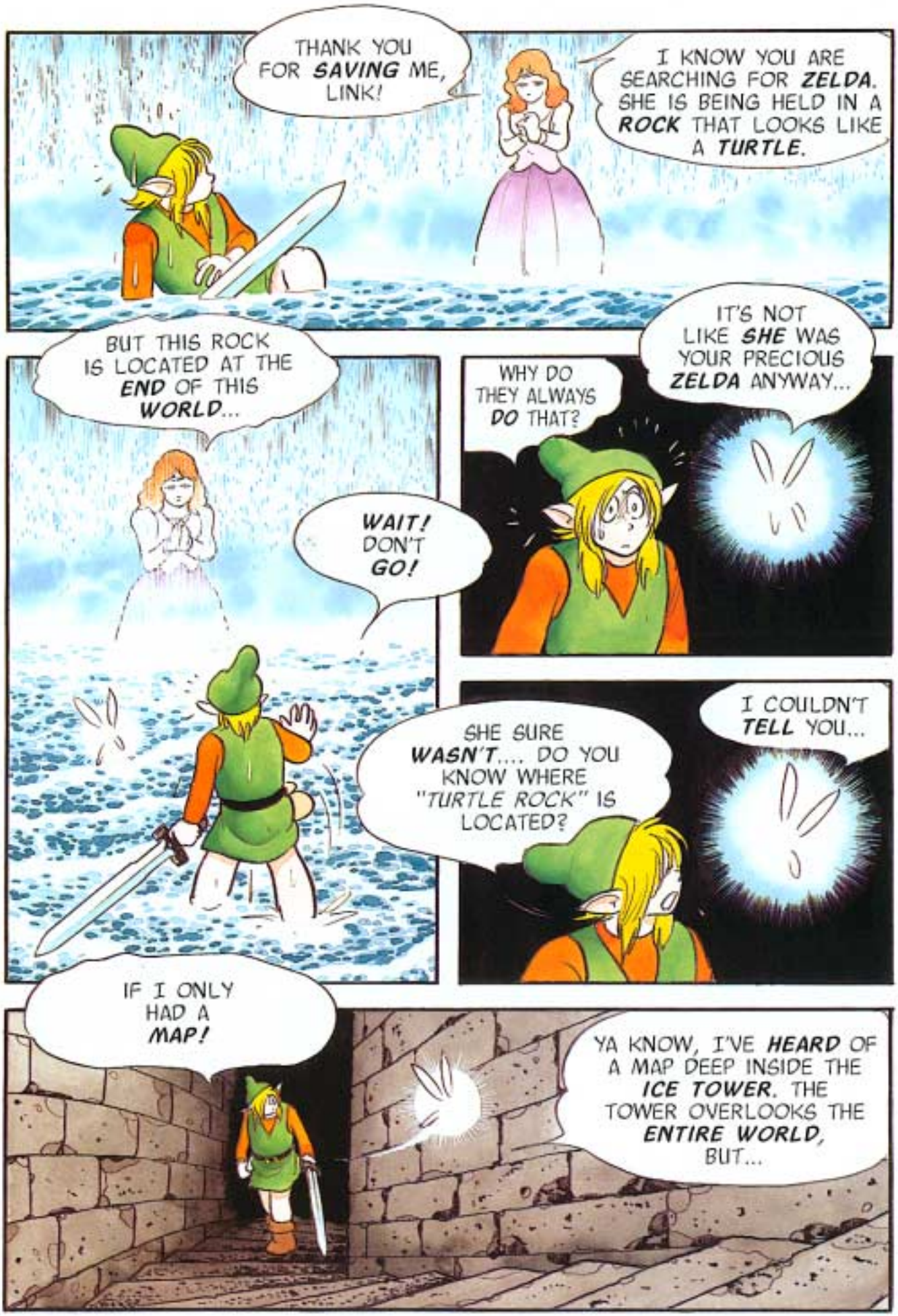
WOOOSH!
I'M DROWNING HERE, EPHEREMELDA!
WOOOSH!
YOU'RE CLOSE, LINK! STAY AFLOAT A LITTLE LONGER!
THE WATER'S ALMOST UP TO THE OPENING!
I... I MADE IT...
WHAAHO!!
WOOOOOSH!
YIKES!!


SPLOOSH!
HUMPH!
IT'S THE CRYSTAL!
LINK! BE CAREFUL!
IT MIGHT BE A TRAP!

...THE WATER IS GETTING DEEPER HERE!
NO PROBLEM, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT NOW...
THWHIPP!
ACCKK!!
SHWHIPP!
WHAT... IS... THIS?!


BLUG BLUG BLUG
LINK!!

BLURPH!
SPISHH!
MUST... TRY... TO...
TING!
KACHINGG!!
XUUUUUSI..


THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME, LINK!
I KNOW YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR ZELDA. SHE IS BEING HELD IN A ROCK THAT LOOKS LIKE A TURTLE.
BUT THIS ROCK IS LOCATED AT THE END OF THIS WORLD...
WAIT! DON'T GO!
WHY DO THEY ALWAYS DO THAT?
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE WAS YOUR PRECIOUS ZELDA ANYWAY...
SHE SURE WASN'T.... DO YOU KNOW WHERE "TURTLE ROCK" IS LOCATED?
I COULDN'T TELL YOU...
IF I ONLY HAD A MAP!
YA KNOW, I'VE HEARD OF A MAP DEEP INSIDE THE ICE TOWER. THE TOWER OVERLOOKS THE ENTIRE WORLD, BUT...

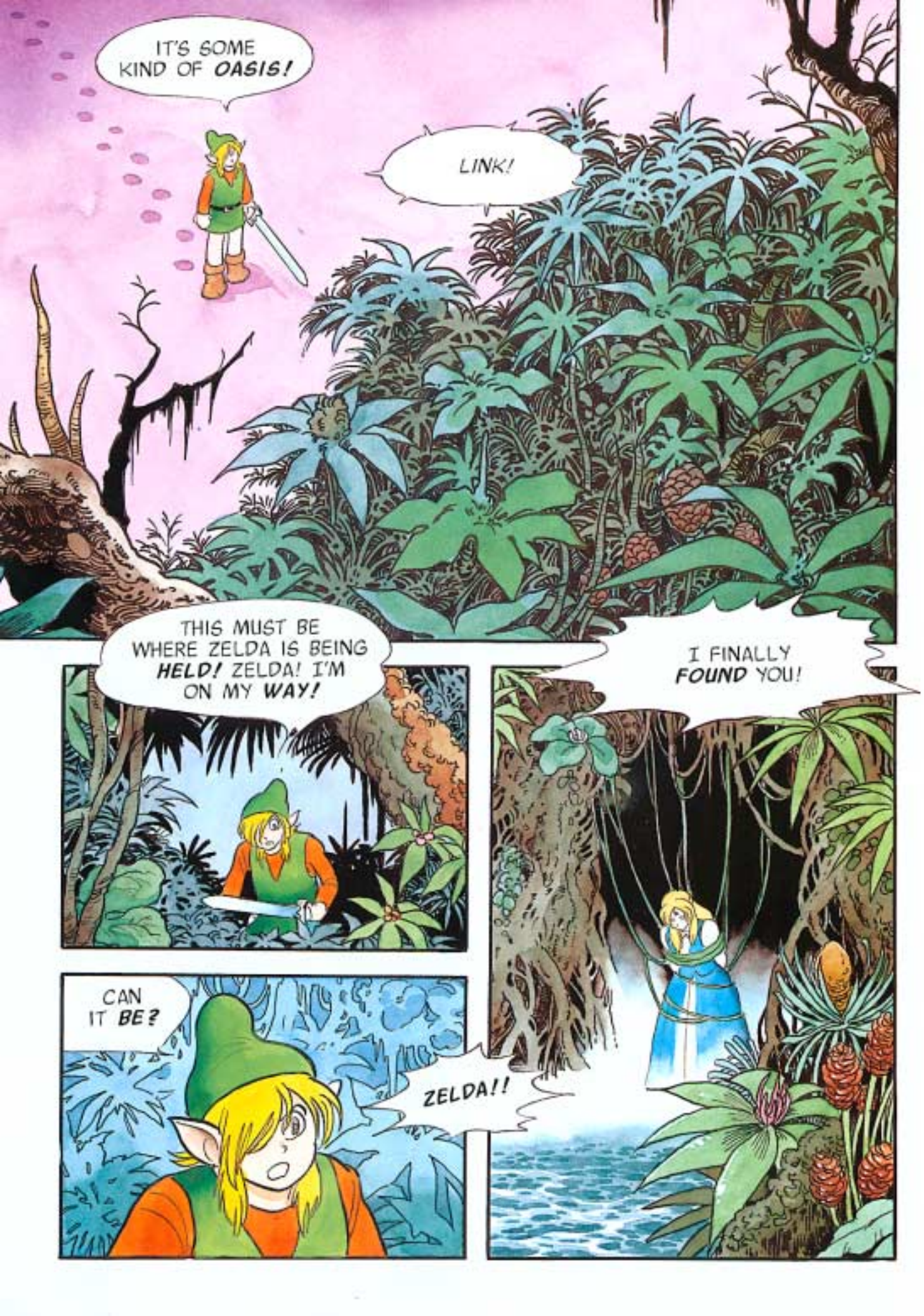
ALL RIGHT, WHERE IS THAT?!
ERR...HOLD YOUR HORSES... GIVE ME A MINUTE...
LINK!!
HUH!?
ZELDA?!
IS THAT YOU?!
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?!
I... AM...NEARBY... HURRY!
NOW YOU'RE HEARING THINGS!
CAN'T YOU HEAR HER? ZELDA IS CALLING FROM BEYOND THE WASTELAND!
ANYWAY, THE WASTELAND IS WAY TOO HARSH! ONCE YOU GET IN THERE, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!

I THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND THE MAP FIRST!
IF THIS WASTELAND IS AS DANGEROUS AS YOU SAY IT IS, I'VE GOT TO GET ZELDA OUT OF THERE RIGHT AWAY!

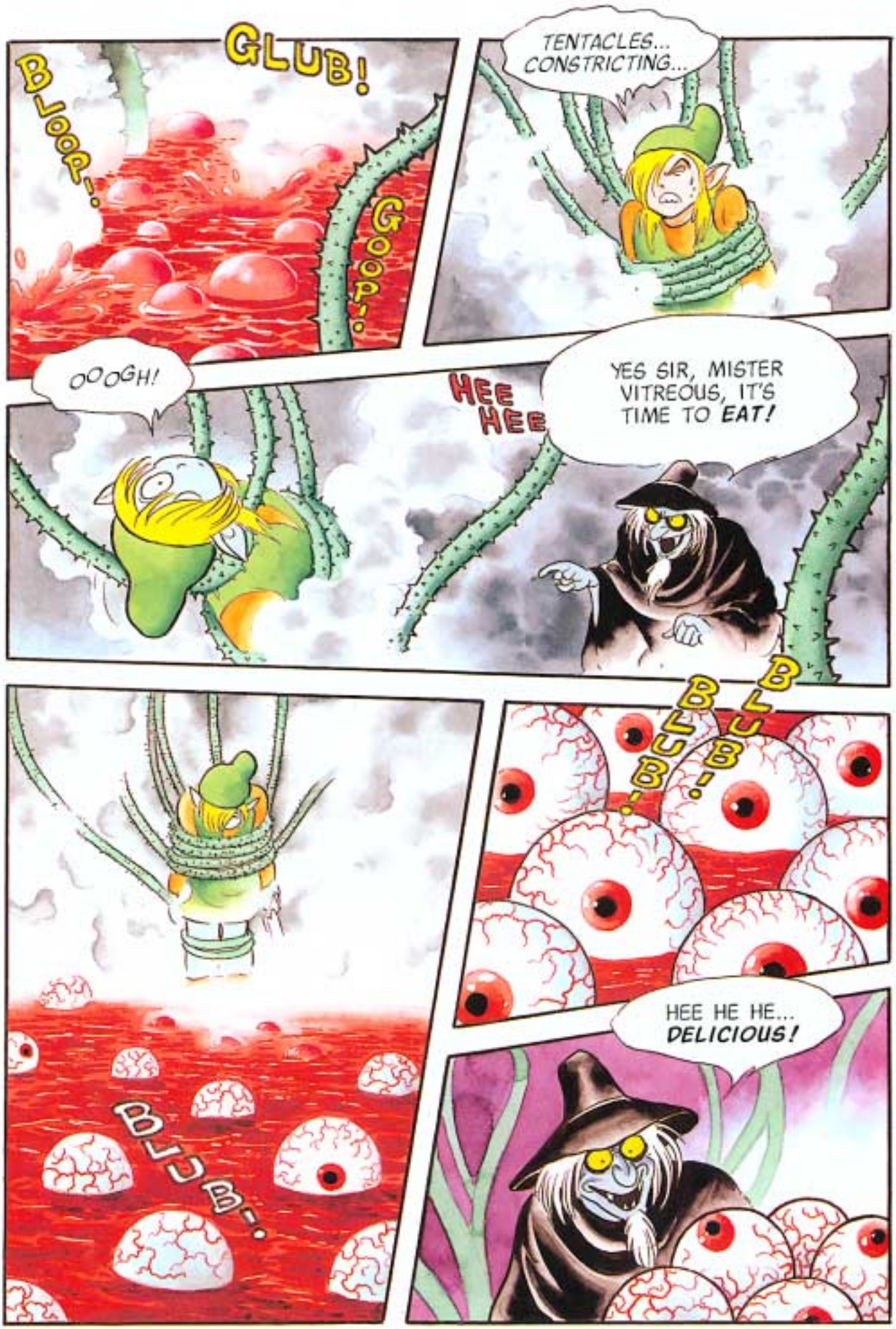
I'VE HAD IT!! ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT IS ZELDA THIS AND ZELDA THAT! YOU NEVER WORRY ABOUT ME!

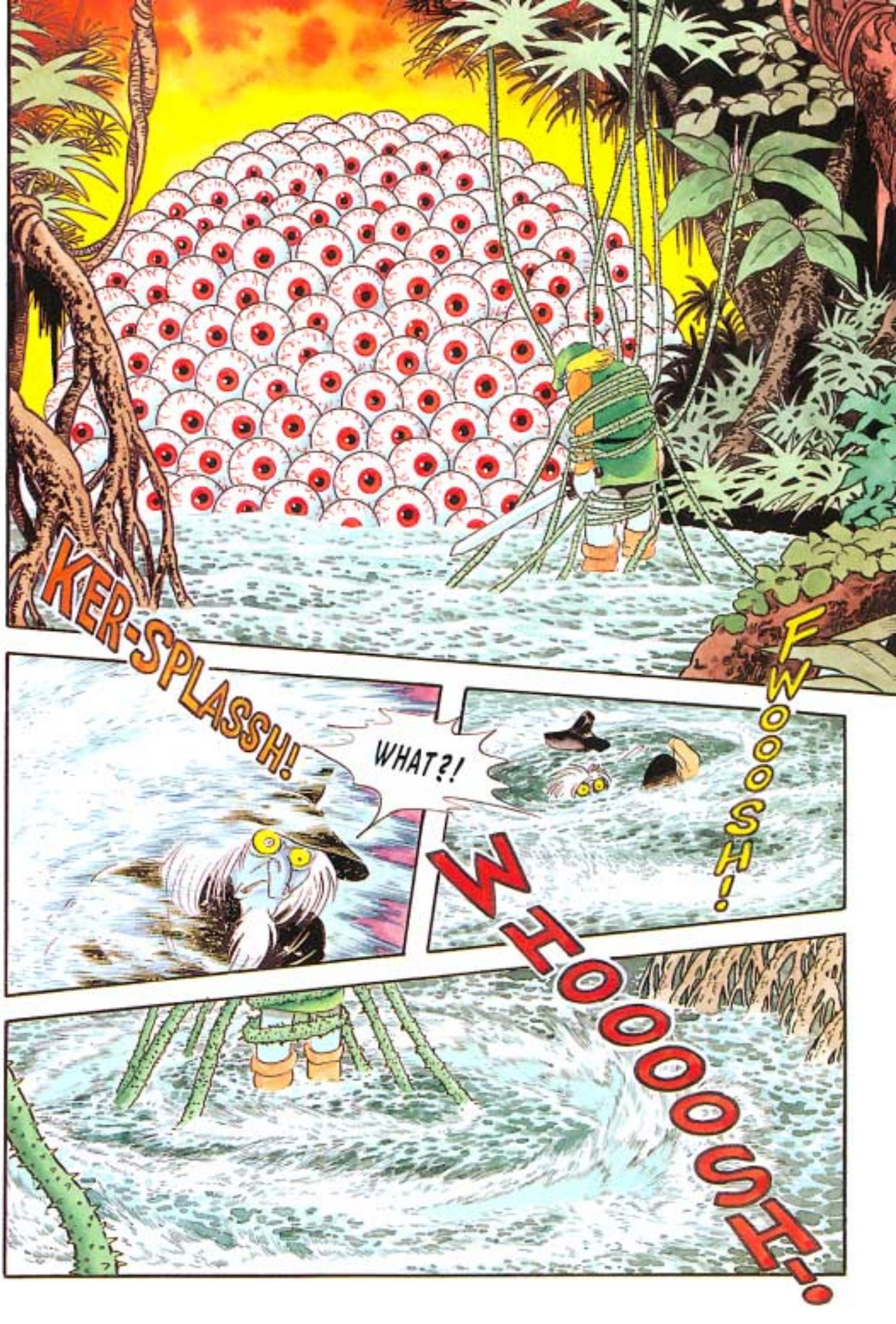
FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!

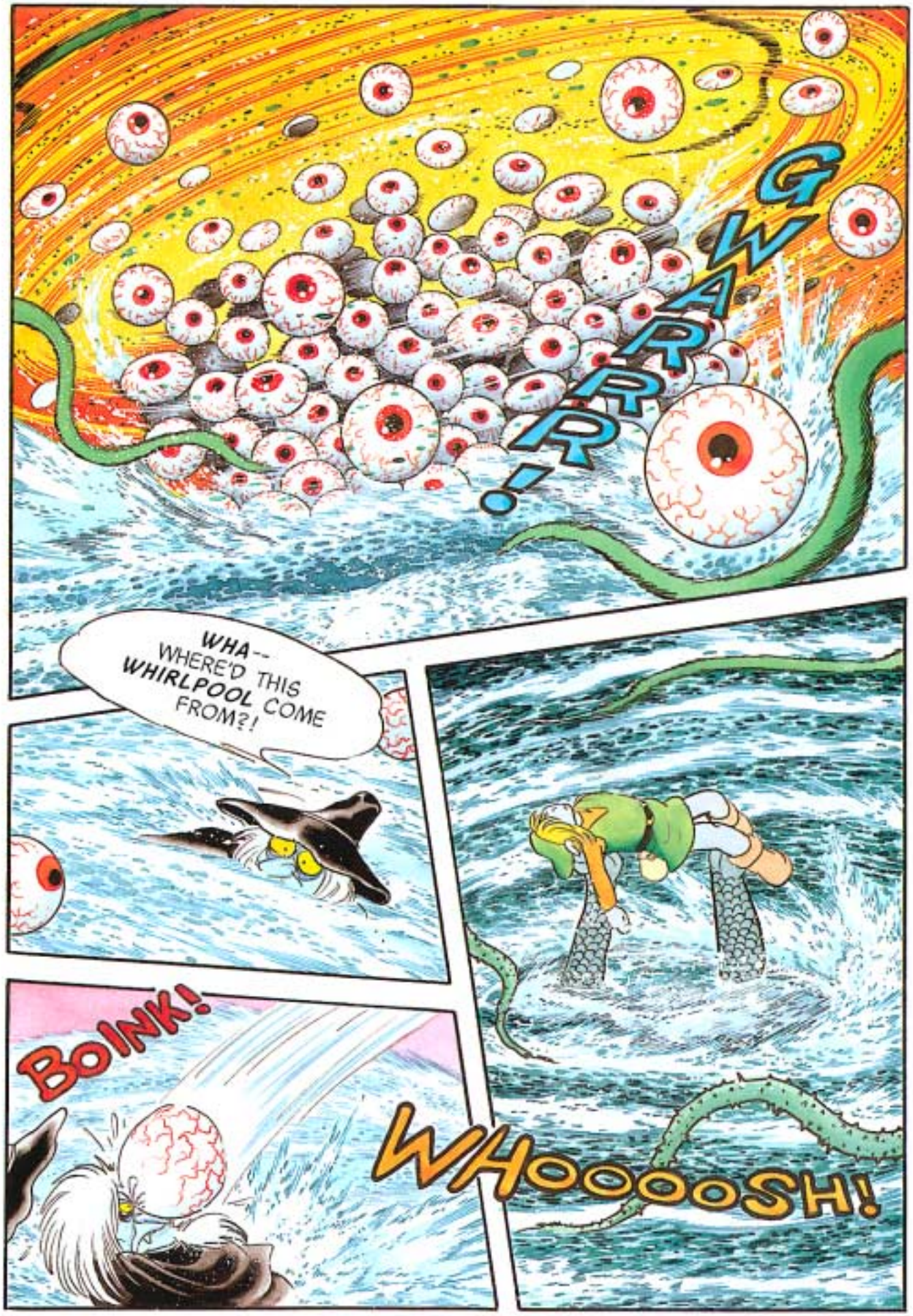
LINK...


IT'S SOME KIND OF *OASIS!*
LINK!
THIS MUST BE WHERE ZELDA IS BEING *HELD!* ZELDA! I'M ON MY *WAY!*
I FINALLY *FOUND* YOU!
CAN IT *BE?*
ZELDA!!

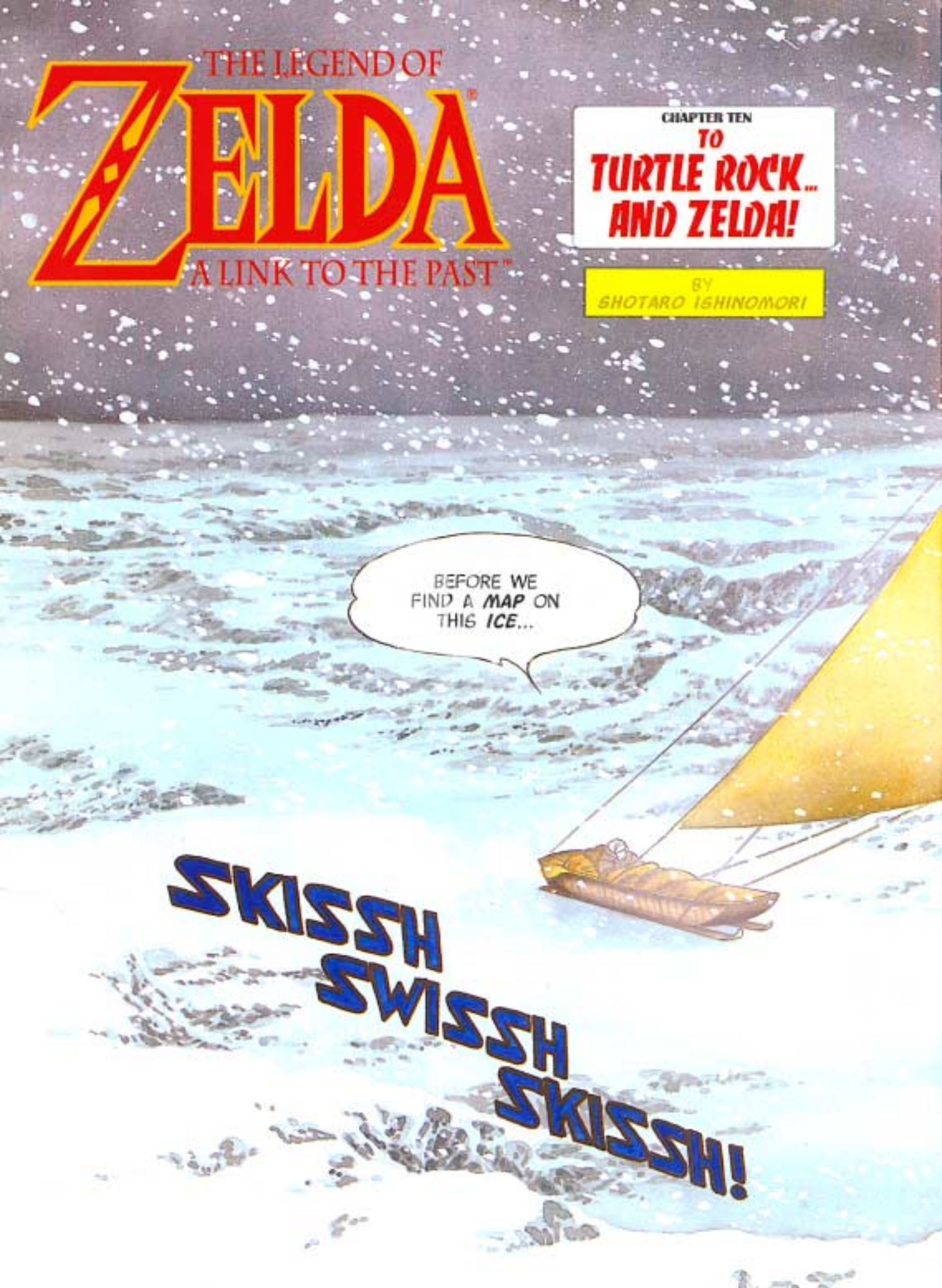
BUT WAIT...
THE GIRL IN THE CRYSTAL SAID ZELDA WAS IN A ROCK SHAPED LIKE A TURTLE...
LINK... COME... CLOSER...
I HAVE YOU NOW, MY PRETTY!!
THIS IS MISERY MIRE, WORLD FAMOUS FOR ITS FINE AROMA OF SWAMP GAS. YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR DINNER WITH SIR VITREOUS, THE MASTER OF THIS PLACE...
YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO MY TRAP, TASTY MORSEL!
HEE HEE HEE
AN ILLUSION! YOU... TRICKED ME!
SHWHIPP!
THWHIPP!
DINNER, WITH YOU AS THE MAIN COURSE!


GLUB!
BLOOA-.
GOOP!.
TENTACLES... CONSTRICTING...
OOOGH!
HEE HEE
YES SIR, MISTER VITREOUS, IT'S TIME TO EAT!
BLUB!
BLUB!
BLUB!
BLUB-.
HEE HE HE... DELICIOUS!


KER-SPLASSH!
WHAT?!
FWOOOOSH!
WHOOOOOSH!


GWARRR!
WHA-- WHERE'D THIS WHIRLPOOL COME FROM?!
WHOOOOSH!
BOINK!

ZORA...HOW'D YOU GET HERE? HOW'D YOU KNOW?
AHHH...IT ISSS SSSIMPLE FOR ME TO APPEAR ANYWHERE THERE ISSS WATER...
PLUSSS, I CANNOT DENY EPHEREMELDA'S REQUESSST...
SIGH... EPHEREMELDA...
AIEEEEEE!
TO BE CONTINUED...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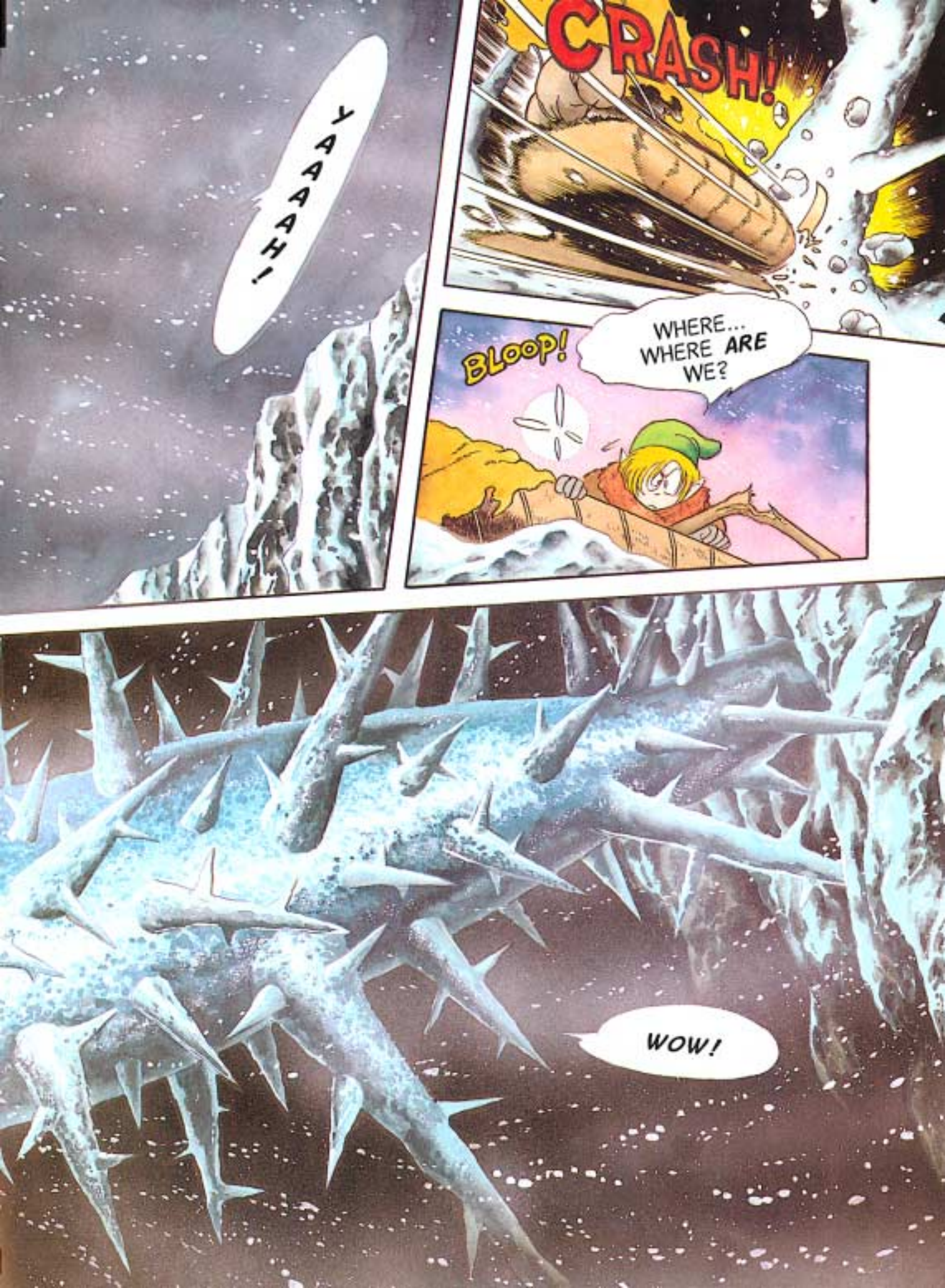
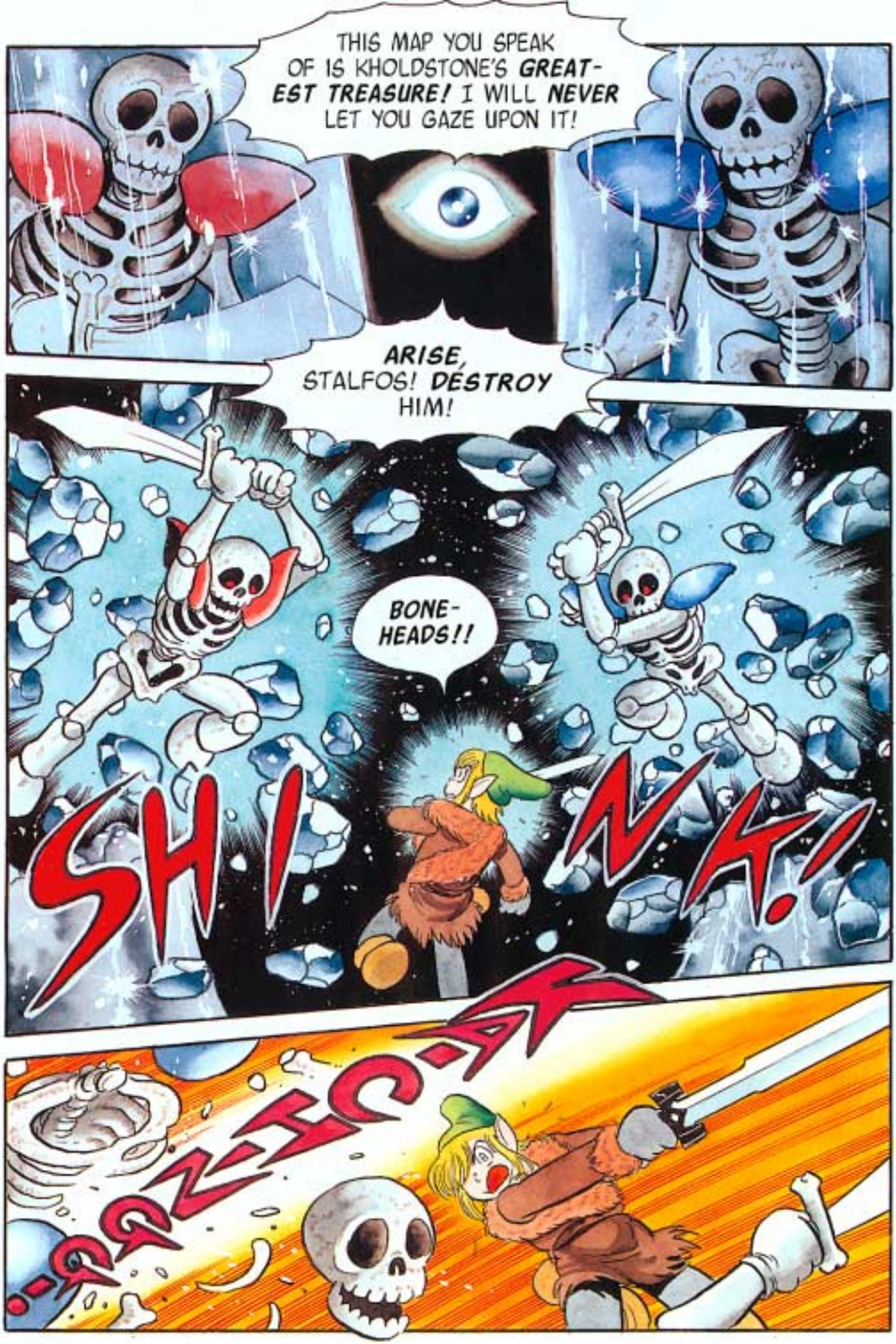
A LINK TO THE PAST
CHAPTER TEN
TO
TURTLE ROCK...
AND ZELDA!
BY
SHOTARO ISHINOMORI
BEFORE WE FIND A MAP ON THIS ICE...
SKISSH
SWISSH
SKISSH!

AFTER **ZORA** SAVED LINK FROM DEFEAT IN **MISERY MIRE**, OUR HERO SETS OFF FOR THE **TOWER OF ICE** WITH EPHEREMELDA. IT IS RUMORED THAT A **MAP** OF THE LOCATION OF **TURTLE ROCK** LIES IN THE TOWER. IN TURTLE ROCK, LINK HOPES TO FIND **ZELDA**...

FLOOP
FLOOP!
KRKRRACK
YIKES!
SZOOOOOSH..
LINK! IT'S THE TOWER OF ICE!


AAAAAH!
CRASH!
BLOOP!
WHERE... WHERE ARE WE?
WOW!

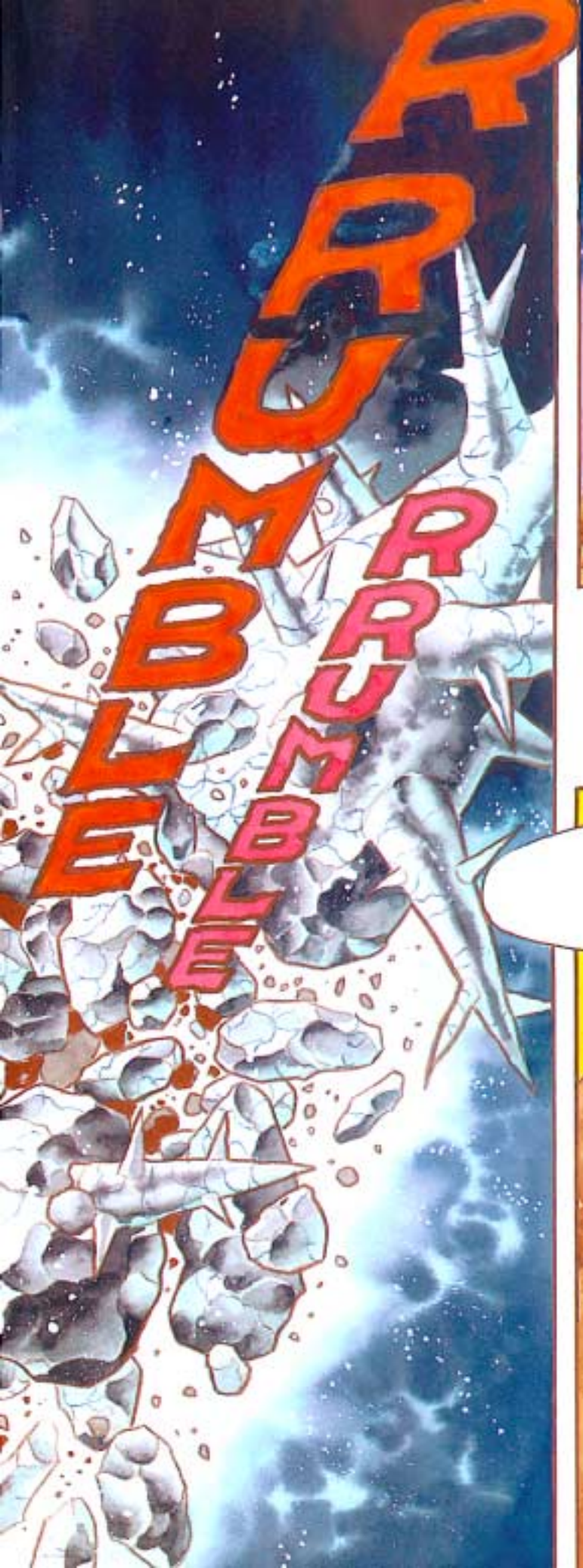
THIS WAY!
ULP!
HEH HEH HEH... ADMIRING MY WALL DECORATIONS, EH?! WHO ARE YOU?!
POP!
I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE! I JUST WANT TO SEE THE MAP OF THE DARK WORLD!
MAP, YOU SAY?


THIS MAP YOU SPEAK OF IS KHOLDSTONE'S GREATEST TREASURE! I WILL NEVER LET YOU GAZE UPON IT!
ARISE, STALFOS! DESTROY HIM!
BONE-HEADS!!
SH-NK!
-RRZHC-K

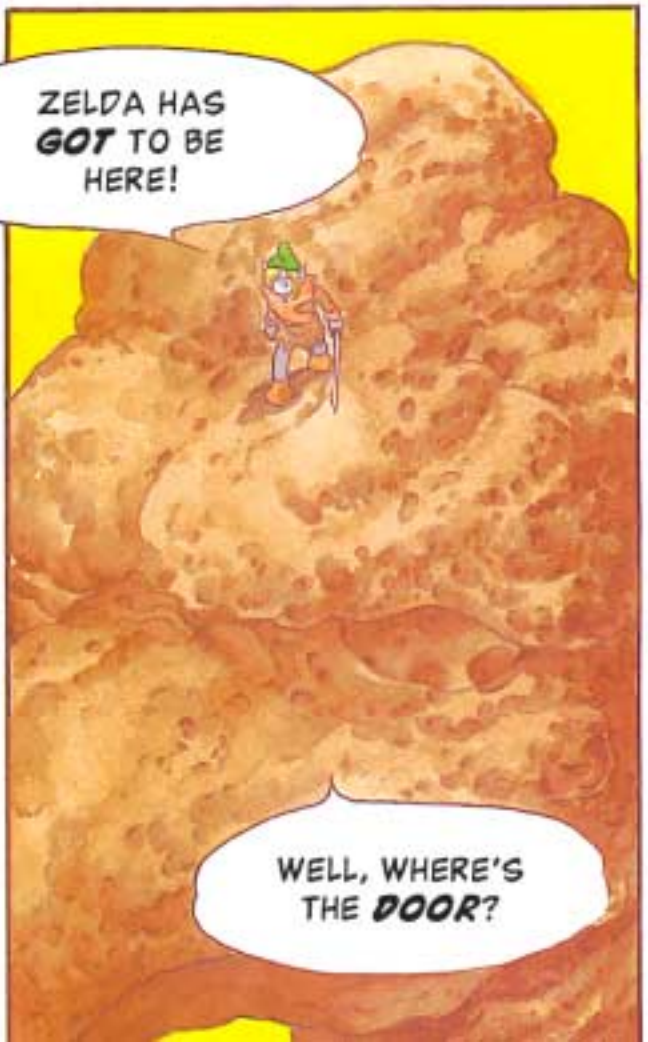
KAATANNG!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM DOWN!
AAAAARGH!! I'VE HAD ENOUGH!!
ZZZZKAAACKK!

KRACK!
YOU'VE GOT QUITE A TEMPER...
RRRRUMBLL
IF YOU BRING THE PLACE DOWN, YOU WILL DESTROY THE MAP ALSO!
EH?!
LOOK DOWN, FOOL!
AH... THE FLOOR IS THE MAP?!
NOW... WHERE'S TURTLE ROCK?

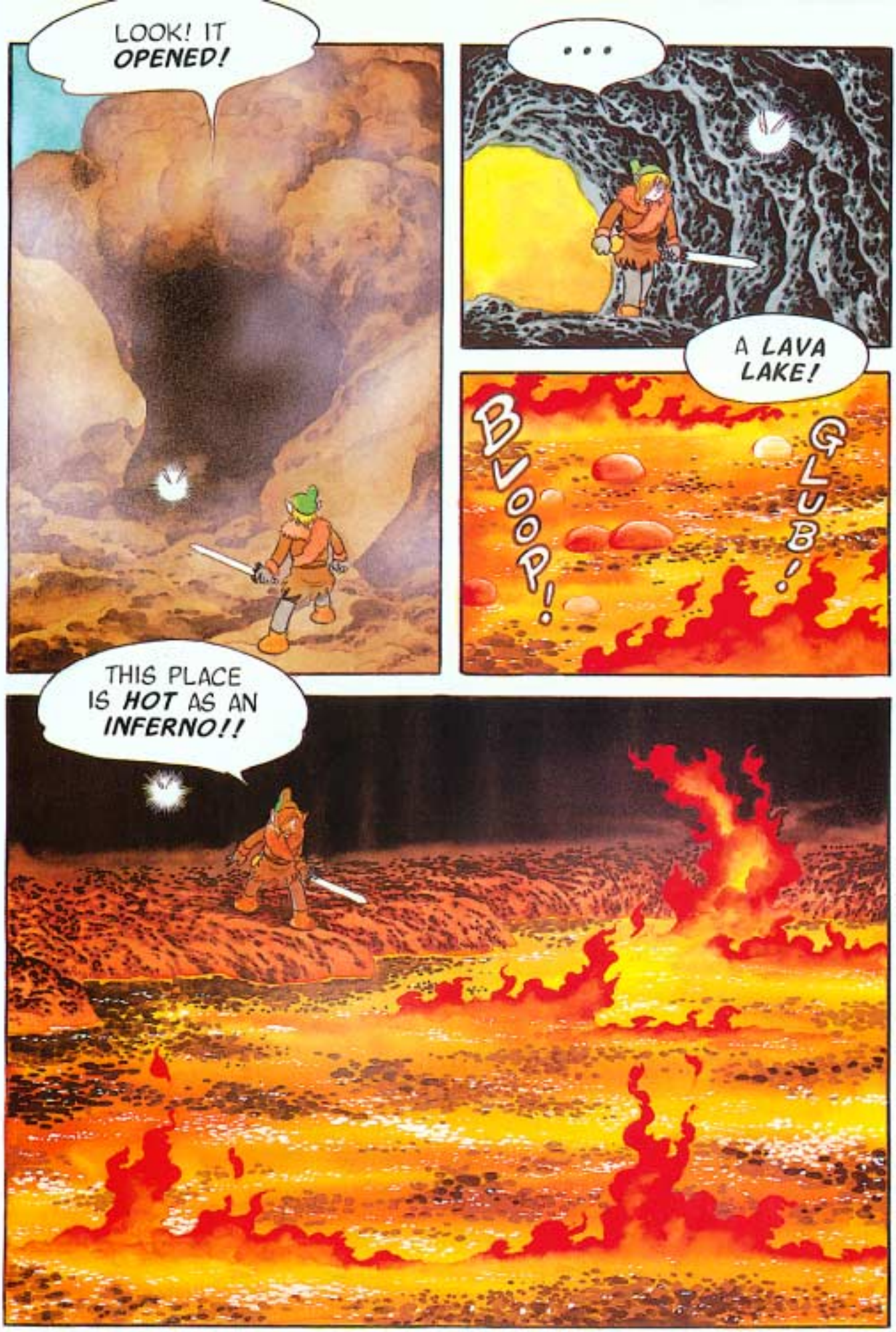
LINK, YOU MUST STRIKE THE ROCK... WITH THUNDER!
OVER THERE?!
WOW!
KINK
KINK
KINK
KINK
WHOOOOOAH!
FREEZE BLUE
FREEZE BLUE



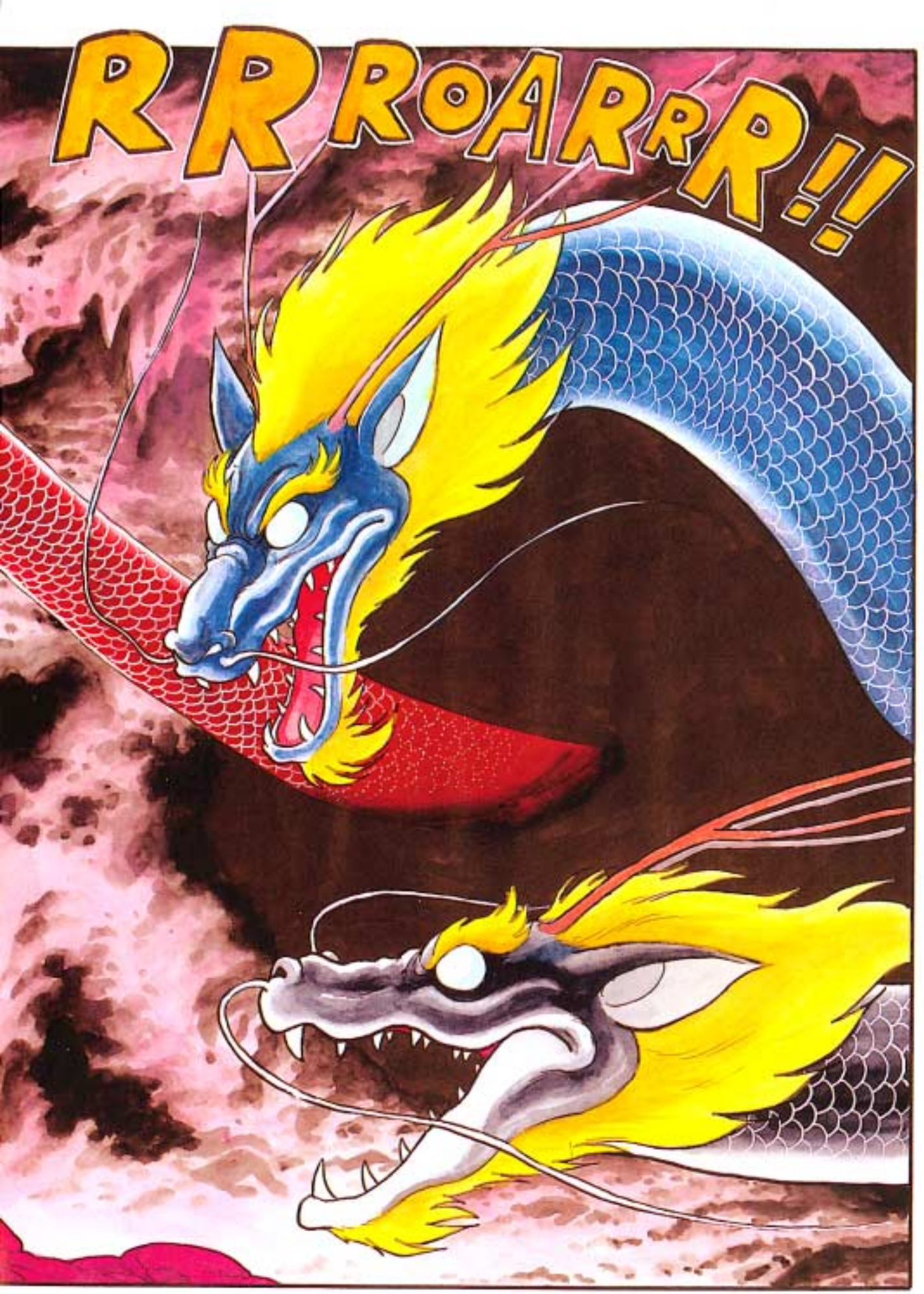
FOLLOWING THE MAP, HE GLIMPSED IN THE ICE TOWER, LINK FINALLY ARRIVED AT TURTLE ROCK WITH EPHEREMELDA, BUT...



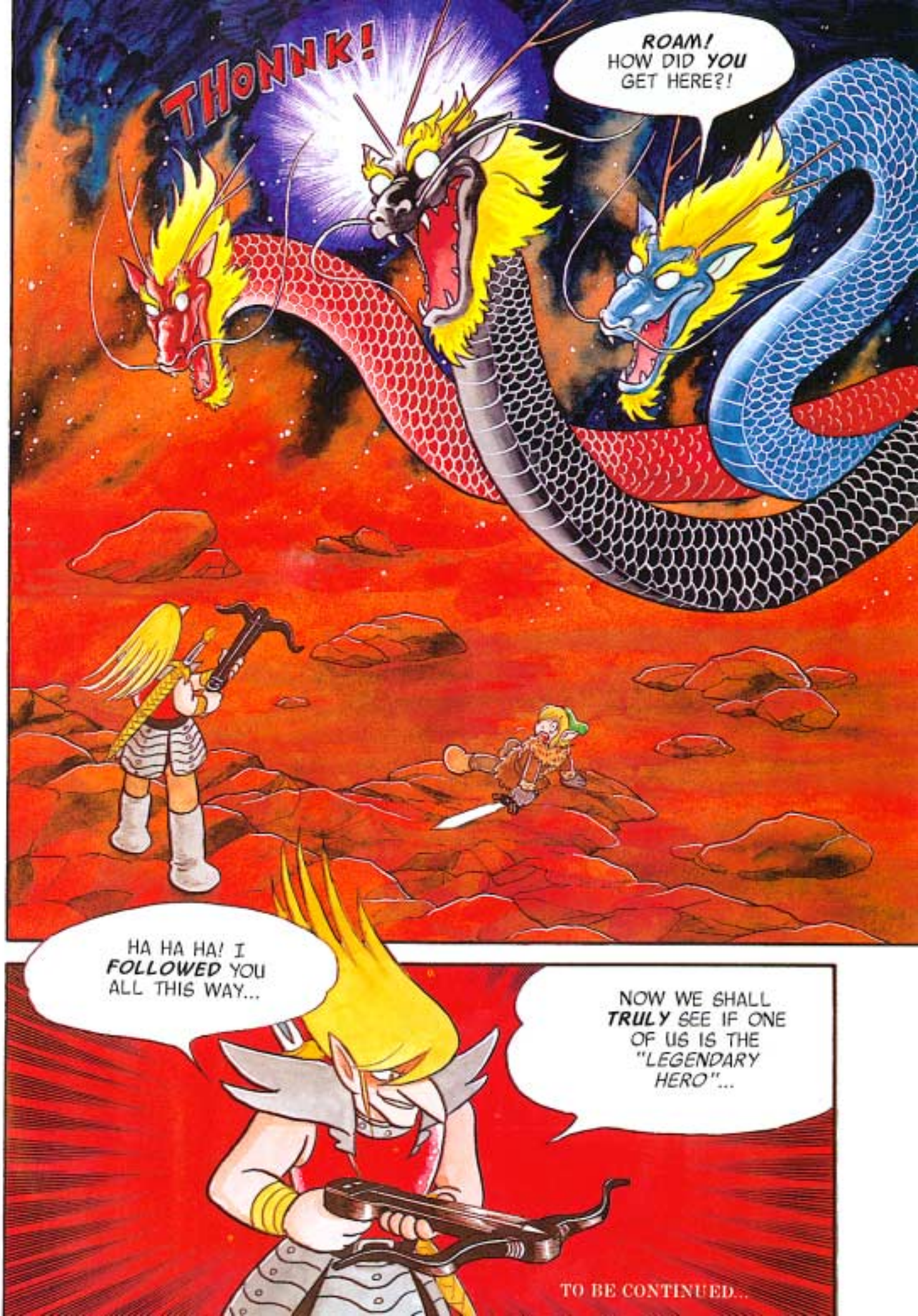
KRACKOOM
KURZZZKAP
...WITH THUNDER!
...STRIKE THE ROCK...
...MRBZCR
RUMBLE RUMBLE
KA-CHINNG!!
VZZZT!


LOOK! IT OPENED!
...
A LAVA LAKE!
BVOOP!
GLUB!
THIS PLACE IS HOT AS AN INFERNO!!

ZELDA!!
IS IT REALLY YOU THIS TIME ZELDA?!
LINK! WATCH YOUR BACK!
GRR


RRROARRR!!

FWOOOOSH!
SSHEEEW!
FIRE FROM ONE HEAD...
GRROAR!
THIS IS ONE SCHIZOID SERPENT!
ICE FROM THE OTHER!
WHOA!


THONNK!
ROAM! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!
HA HA HA! I FOLLOWED YOU ALL THIS WAY...
NOW WE SHALL TRULY SEE IF ONE OF US IS THE "LEGENDARY HERO"...
TO BE CONTINUED...

KWA-SHASSSH-!
FSSSSSH-...
FSSSSSH...
MOVE IT, HERO!
WITHOUT THAT HEAD, THE MONSTER'S FIRE AND ICE WILL MIX VIOLENTLY! YOU CAN GUESS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!
AN EXPLOSION?!

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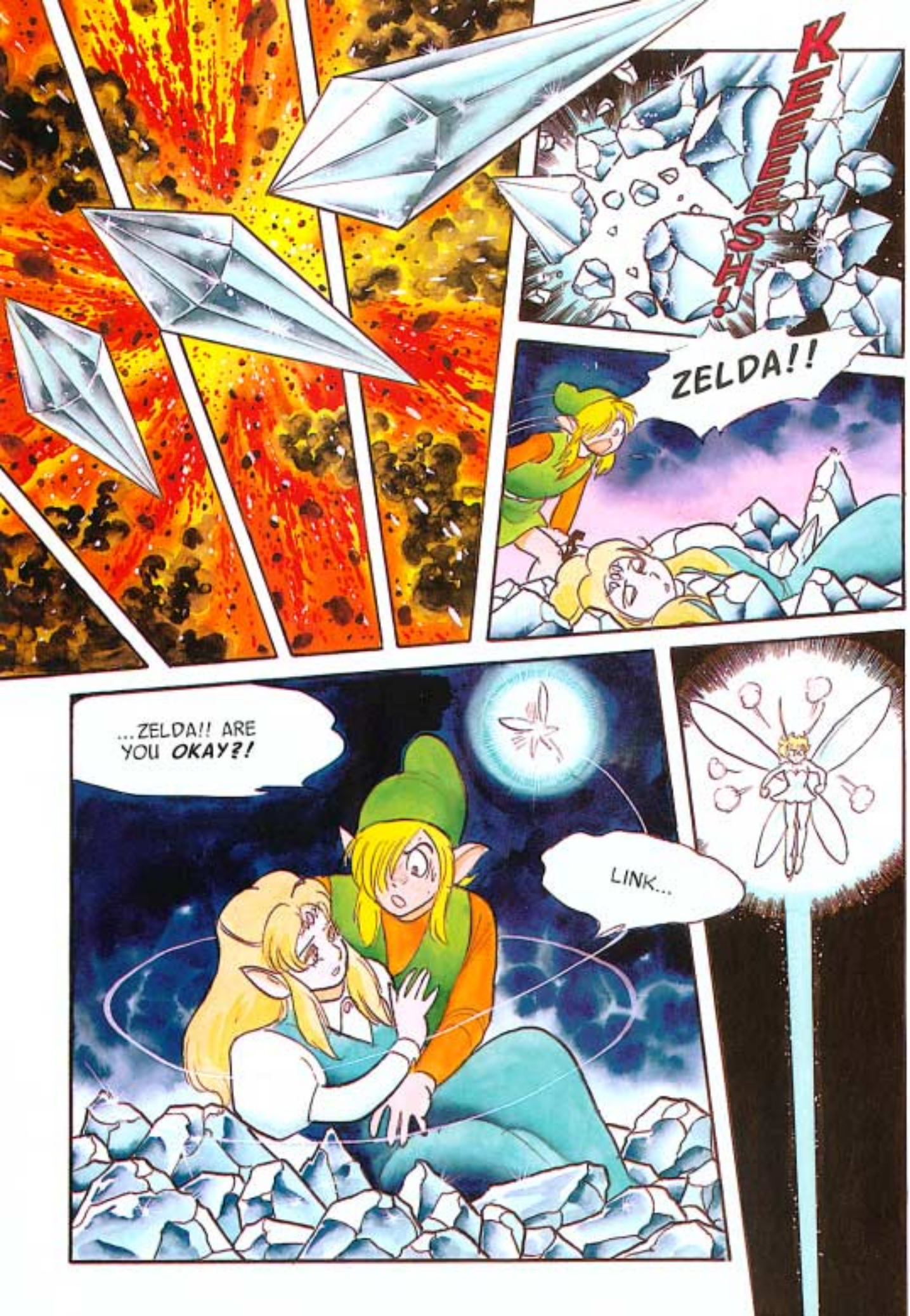
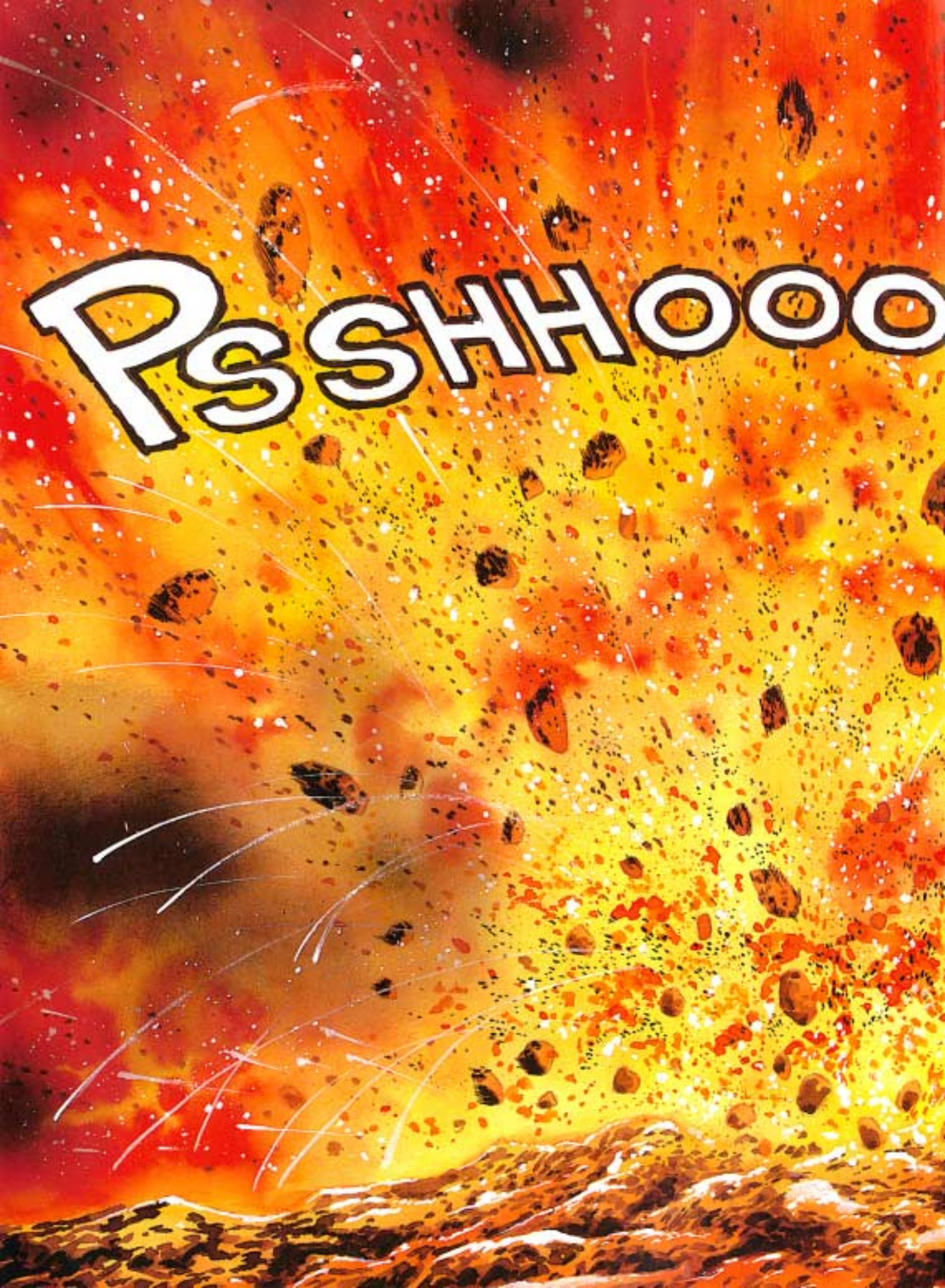
PSSHHOOOOM!


KEEEESH!
ZELDA!!
...ZELDA!! ARE YOU OKAY?!
LINK...

LINK!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR ROMANCE!
...!
RUN FOR IT!
RRRRUMBLE!
PSSSSSSH!
RRRRUMBLE...
PSSSSSSH!
PSSSSSSH!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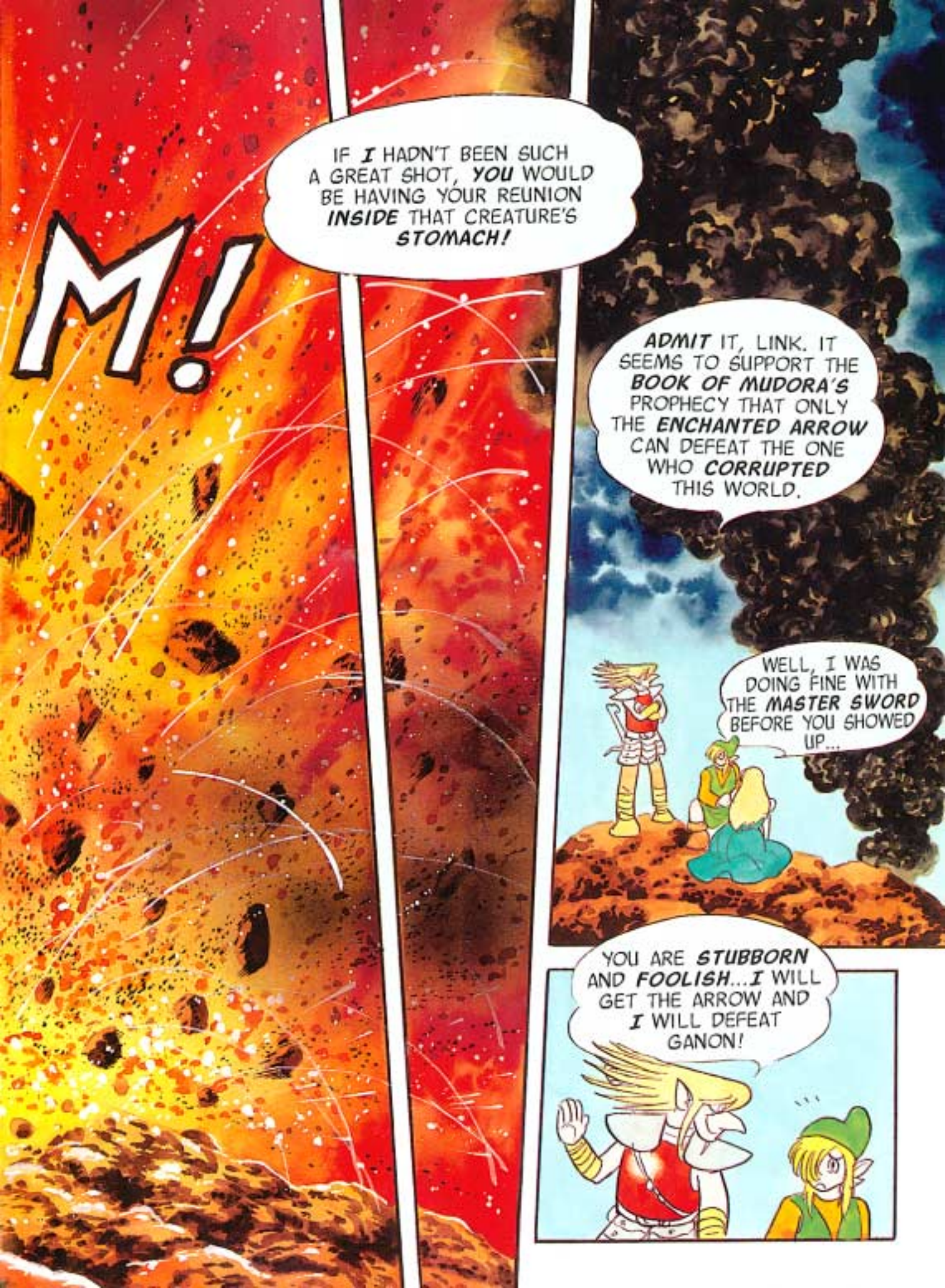
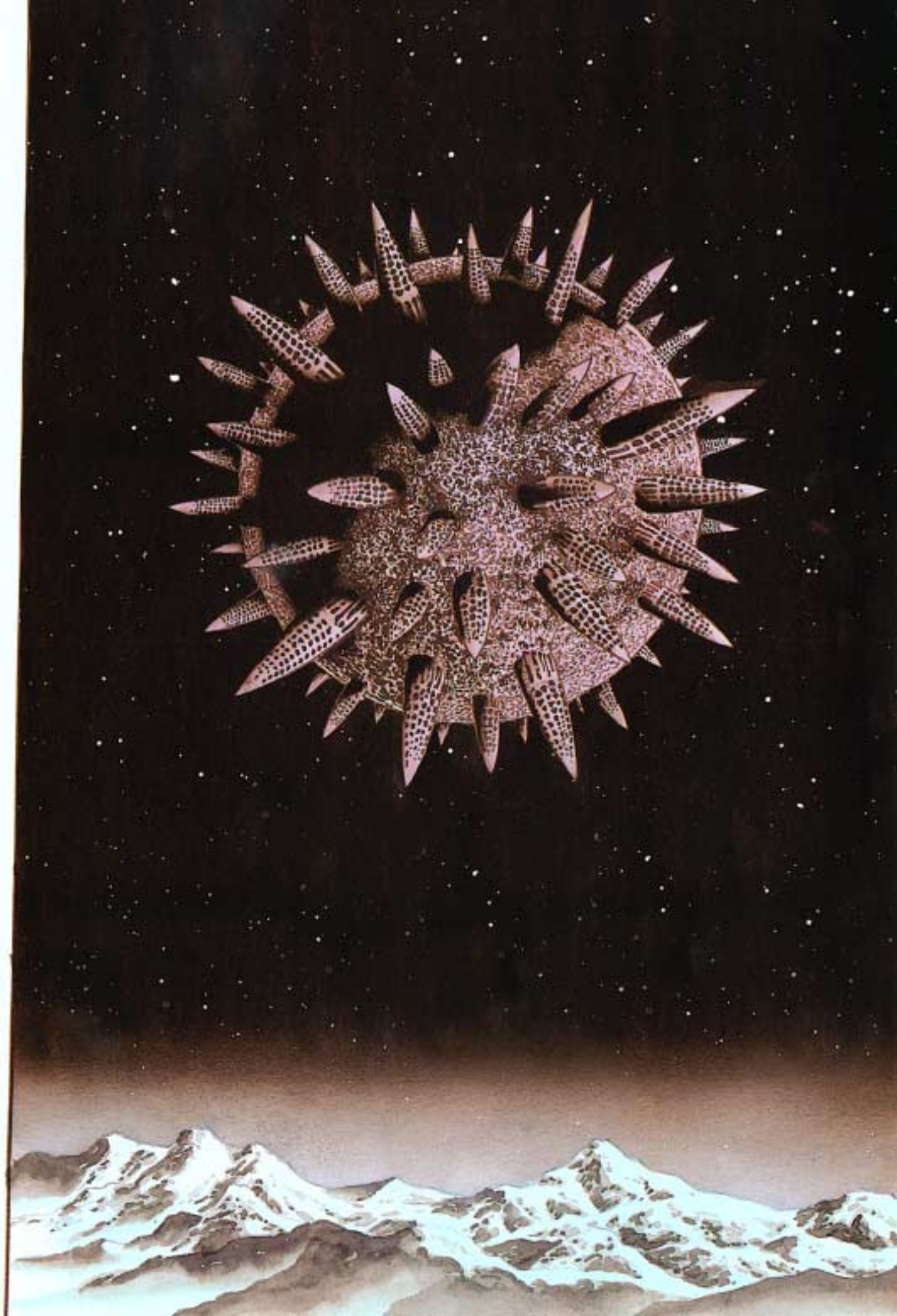
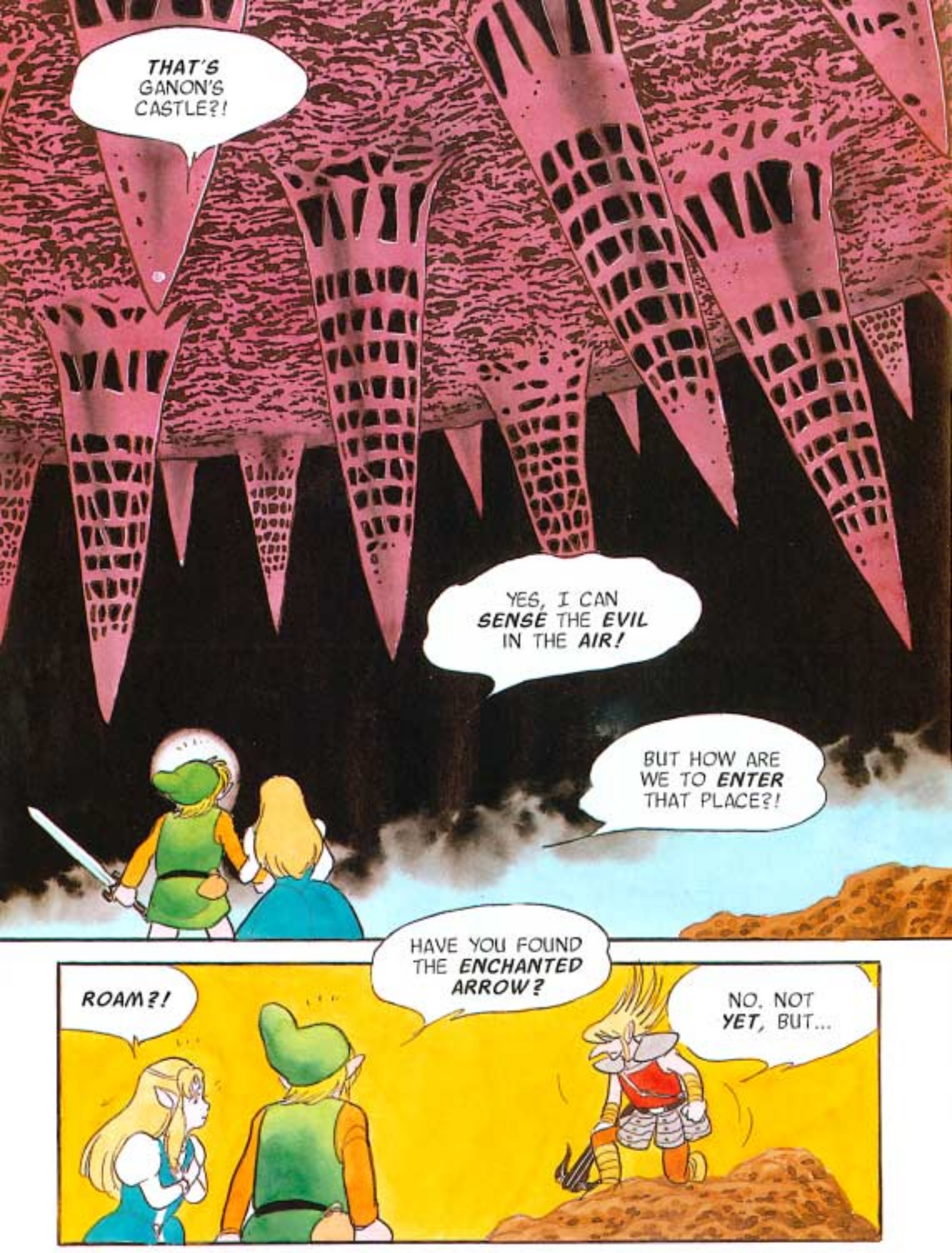
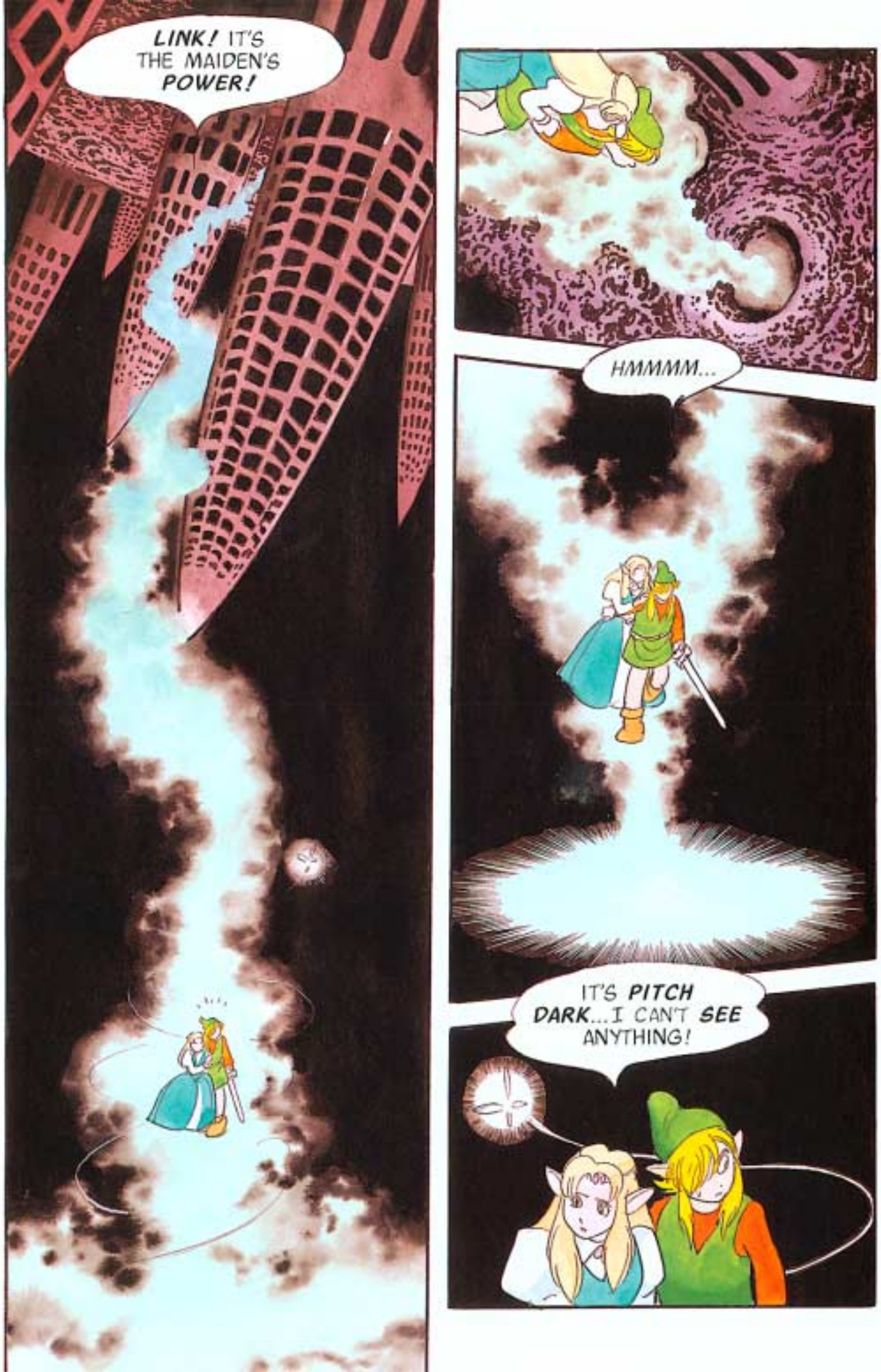

M!
IF I HADN'T BEEN SUCH A GREAT SHOT, YOU WOULD BE HAVING YOUR REUNION INSIDE THAT CREATURE'S STOMACH!
ADMIT IT, LINK. IT SEEMS TO SUPPORT THE BOOK OF MUDORA'S PROPHECY THAT ONLY THE ENCHANTED ARROW CAN DEFEAT THE ONE WHO CORRUPTED THIS WORLD.
WELL, I WAS DOING FINE WITH THE MASTER SWORD BEFORE YOU SHOWED UP...
YOU ARE STUBBORN AND FOOLISH...I WILL GET THE ARROW AND I WILL DEFEAT GANON!

THE WORDS OF THE BOOK OF MUDORA HAVE A POWER WHICH IS BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION...
SO ROAM MAY BE RIGHT ABOUT THE ARROW...BUT SAHASRAHLA ALSO SAID THAT ONLY A MAN WHO HAS OVERCOME HIS OWN NEGATIVE THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS CAN BECOME THE TRUE HERO...
EVEN IF ROAM DOES FIND THE ARROW, HIS ATTITUDE MIGHT BE HIS DOWNFALL...
ANYWAY, WE SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT HIM, ZELDA! I WILL DEFEAT GANON BY MYSELF, IF I HAVE TO!
YOU HAVE SHOWN YOURSELF TO BE A DETERMINED AND SELFLESS HERO, LINK...
...IF ANYONE CAN DO IT, I BELIEVE YOU CAN... THE LIFE FORCES OF THE HYLIAN MAIDENS YOU FREED FROM THE CRYSTALS WILL GUIDE US TO GANON'S CASTLE...




THAT'S GANON'S CASTLE?!
YES, I CAN SENSE THE EVIL IN THE AIR!
BUT HOW ARE WE TO ENTER THAT PLACE?!
ROAM?!
HAVE YOU FOUND THE ENCHANTED ARROW?
NO. NOT YET, BUT...

I CAN DEFEAT GANON...
...WITHOUT THE ENCHANTED ARROW!!
FWOOOP FWOOOP!
THE CURSE OF THE DARK WORLD MAY BE A BLESSING IN THIS CASE...
ROAM!!
HIS EMOTIONS ARE OUT OF CONTROL...HE'LL BECOME A BEAST FOREVER!!
OH, MYSTICAL MAIDENS...LEND US YOUR POWER...
WHA--?


LINK! IT'S THE MAIDEN'S POWER!
HMMMM...
IT'S PITCH DARK... I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!

HUH?!
WAIT...
LOOK OVER THERE...
GULP!
IT--IT'S AGAHNIM!
IT CAN'T BE! I DESTROYED HIM!
HEH!
I HEAR SOMETHING ELSE...COMING THIS WAY...
SK-SH
SK-SH...
SK-SH
SK-SH...

THE LANMOLA? THE MOLDORM? THEY CAN'T BE REAL! I DEFEATED THEM ALL!
THEY LOOK REAL TO ME! I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES...
SHWIPP!

HEY! IT VANISHED!
POOF!
STAY AWAY!!
HEE HEE HEE
YOU!!
I'LL GET IT, ZELDA!

YEEE-ARRRGH!
HURRRM ...
ROAM!!
WOOOOOSH!
URRGH...
THUDD!
SHOOMPH!

GANON?!
TO BE CONTINUED...

I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO **DESTROY** AGAHNIM, OR TO LOOK DOWN UPON HIS **BATTERED BODY**...
BUT YOUR FOOLISH RESISTANCE **ENDS** NOW!
I WILL **DESTROY** YOU AND MAKE MY DREAM TO **RULE** BOTH **LIGHT** AND **DARK WORLDS** COME **TRUE!**
NEVER!

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CHAPTER TWELVE

THE FINAL BATTLE

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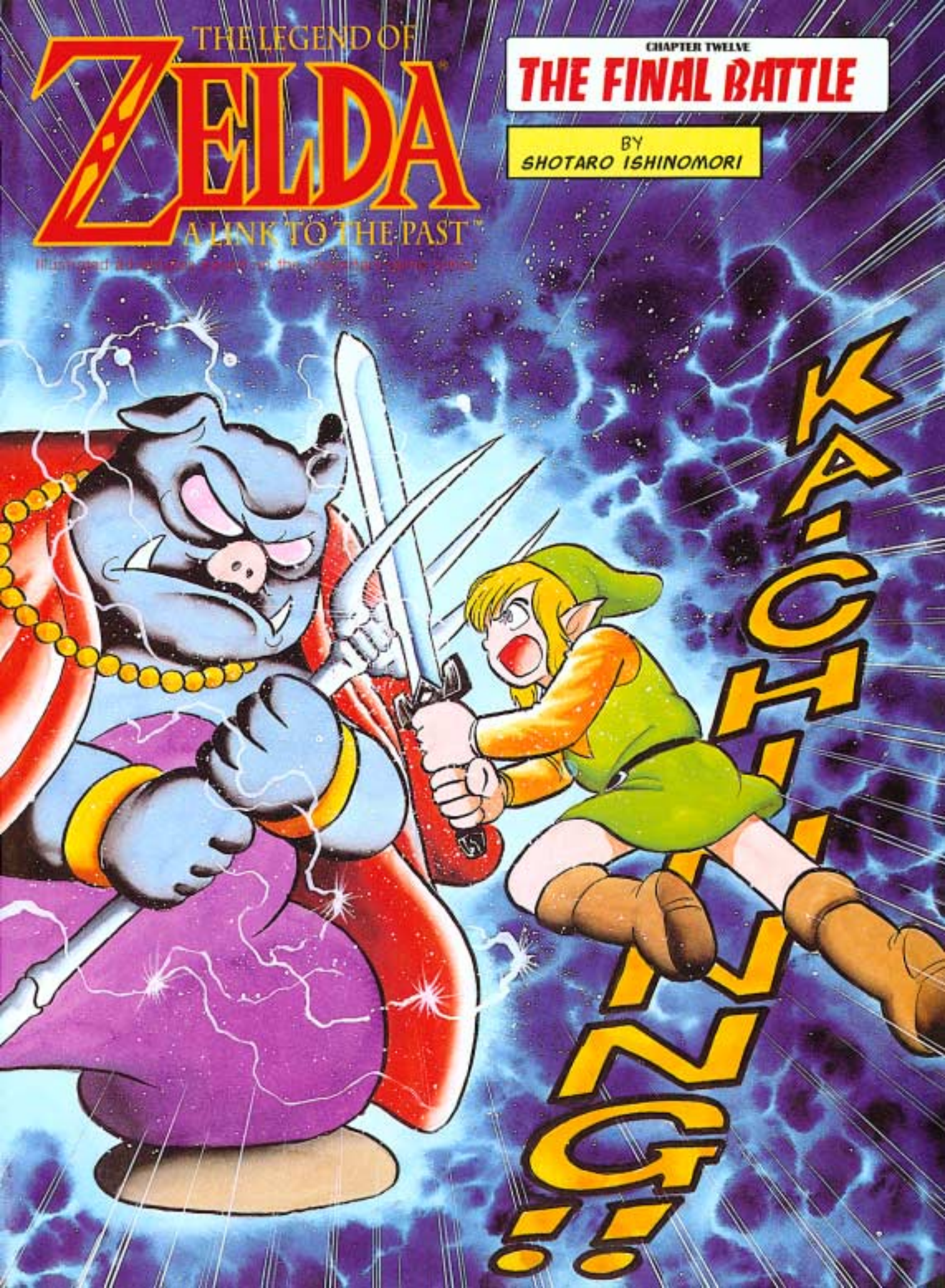
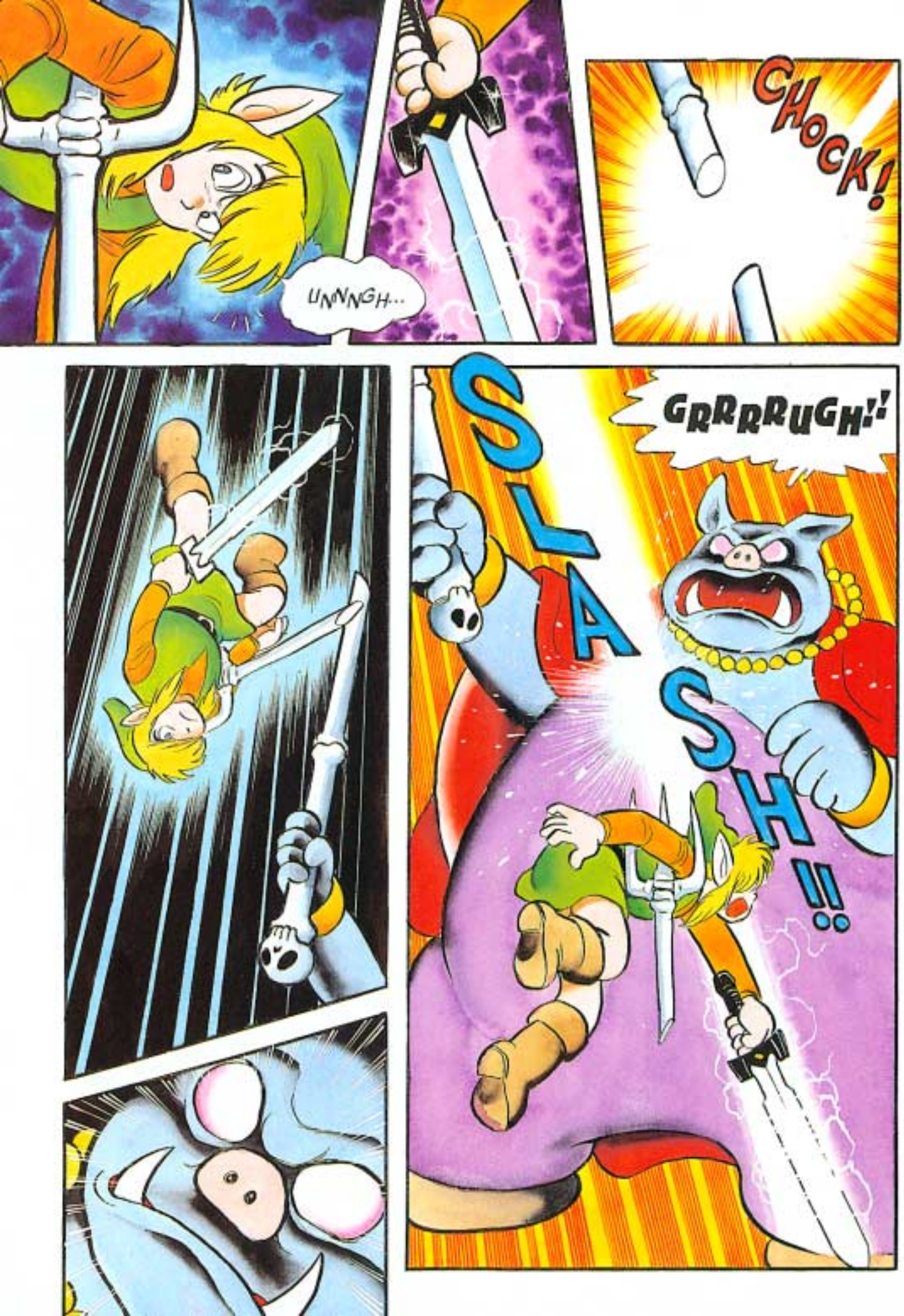
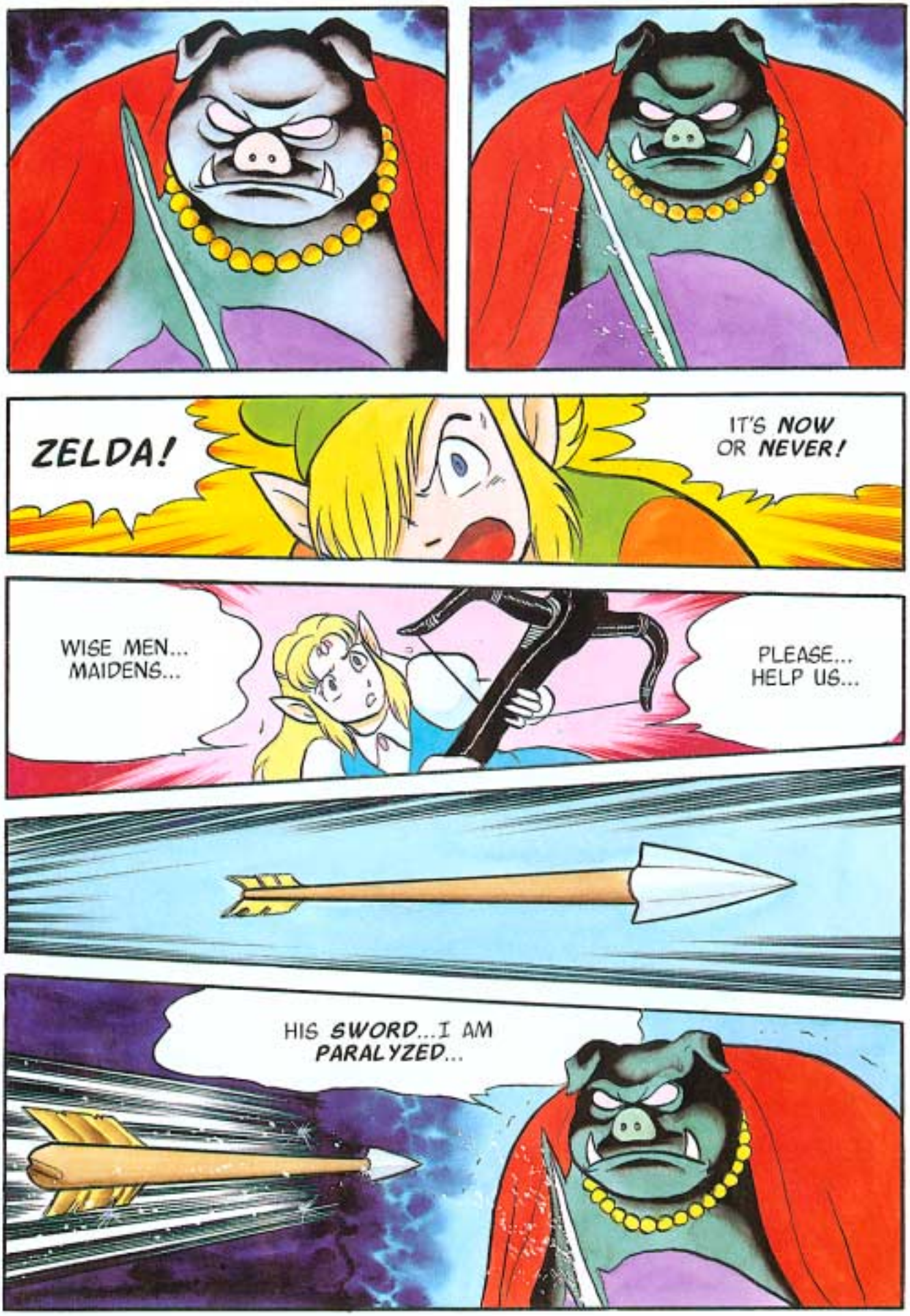


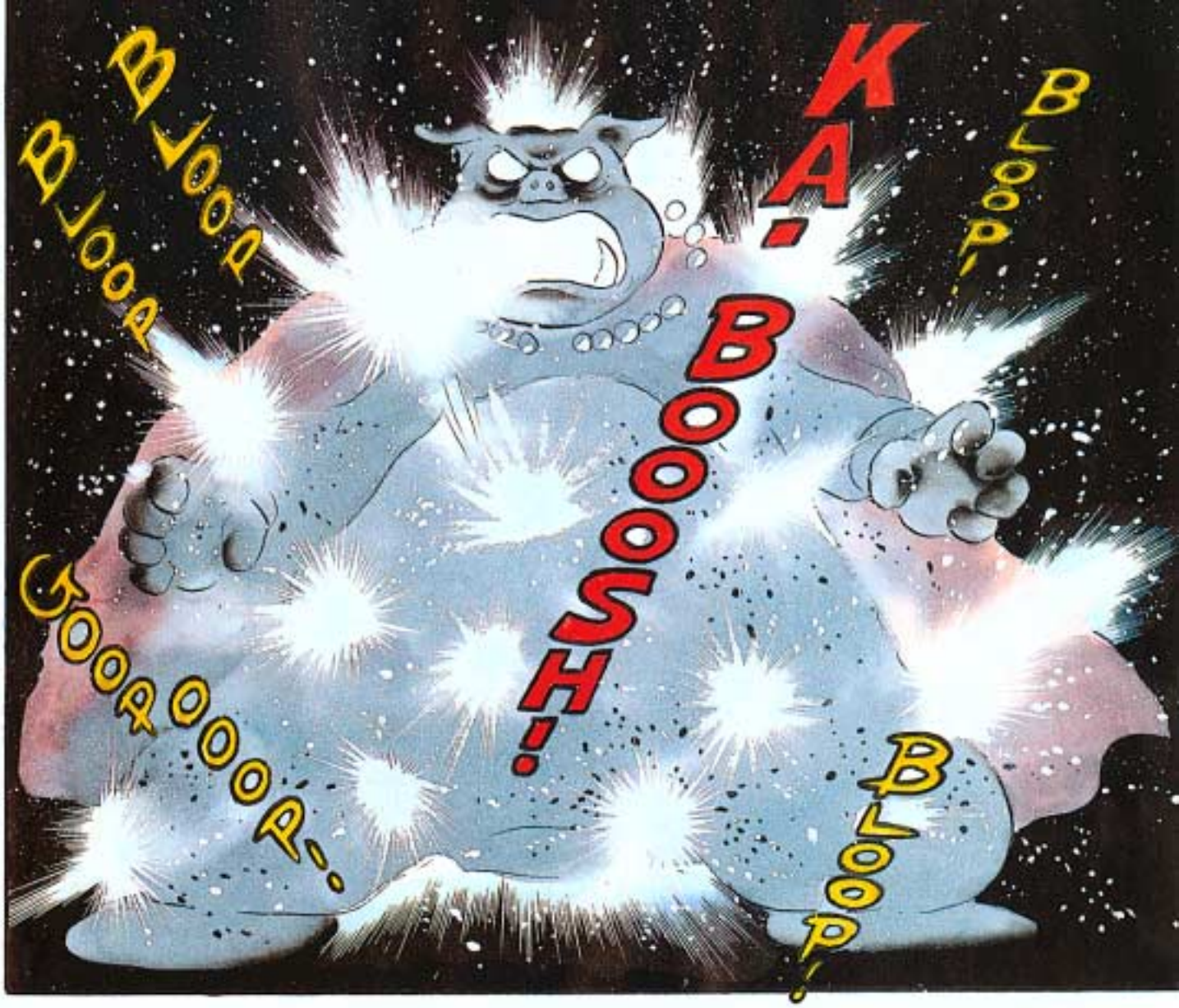
AAAAAH!!
OOPH!
CLANNNG!
IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO, WEAKLING?
I SHALL FINISH YOU OFF WITH MY NEXT BLOW!

AARRRGH!
THUNK!
LINK!
HAH HAH HAH!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN TO DO WITH THAT BOW, PRINCESS?
YOU WILL GET YOUR CHANCE TO FIGHT ME AFTER I DEAL WITH THIS WHELP...

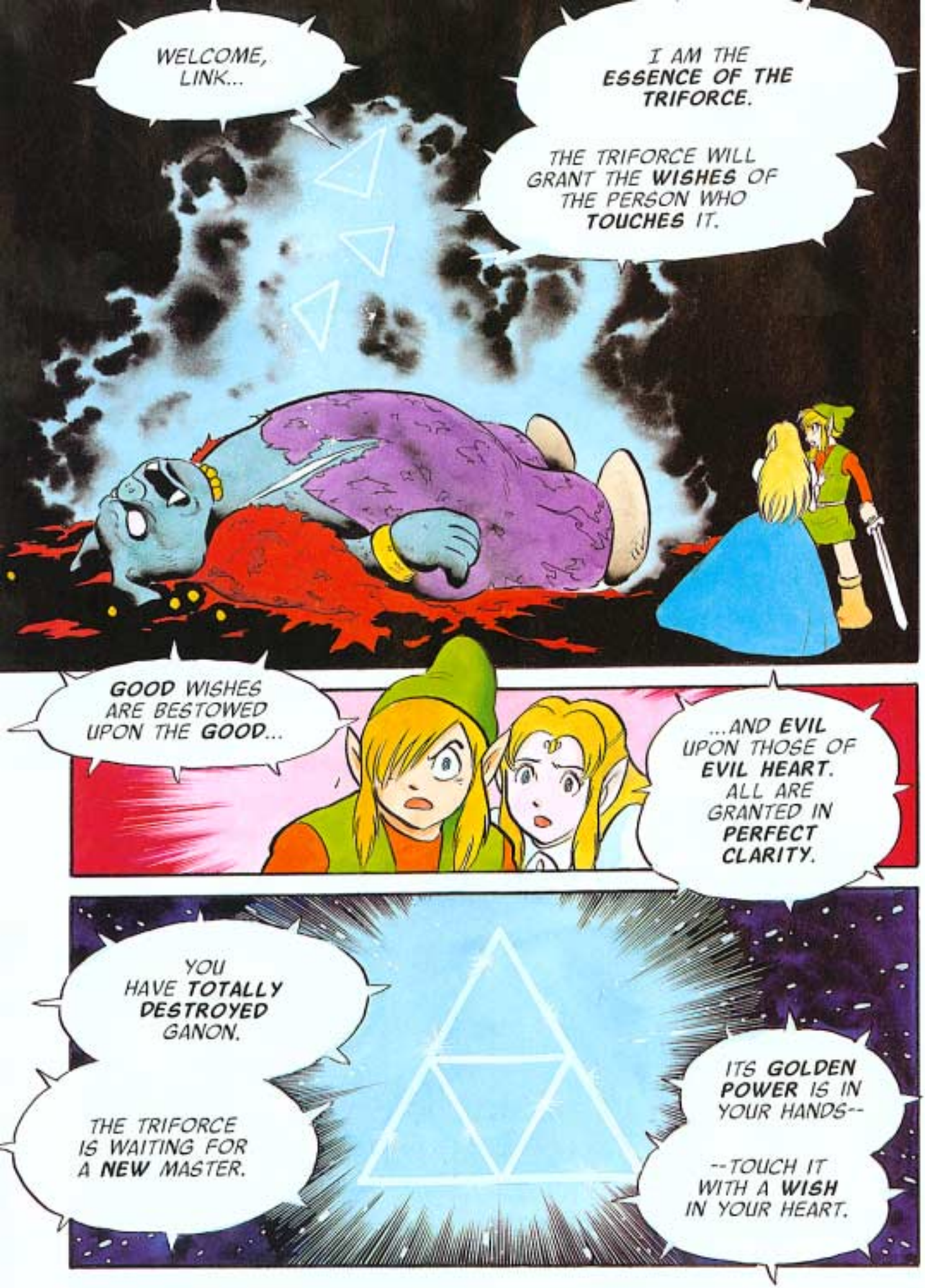

UNNNGH...
CHOCK!
GRRRUGH!!
SLASH!!


ZELDA!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER!
WISE MEN... MAIDENS...
PLEASE... HELP US...
HIS SWORD...I AM PARALYZED...

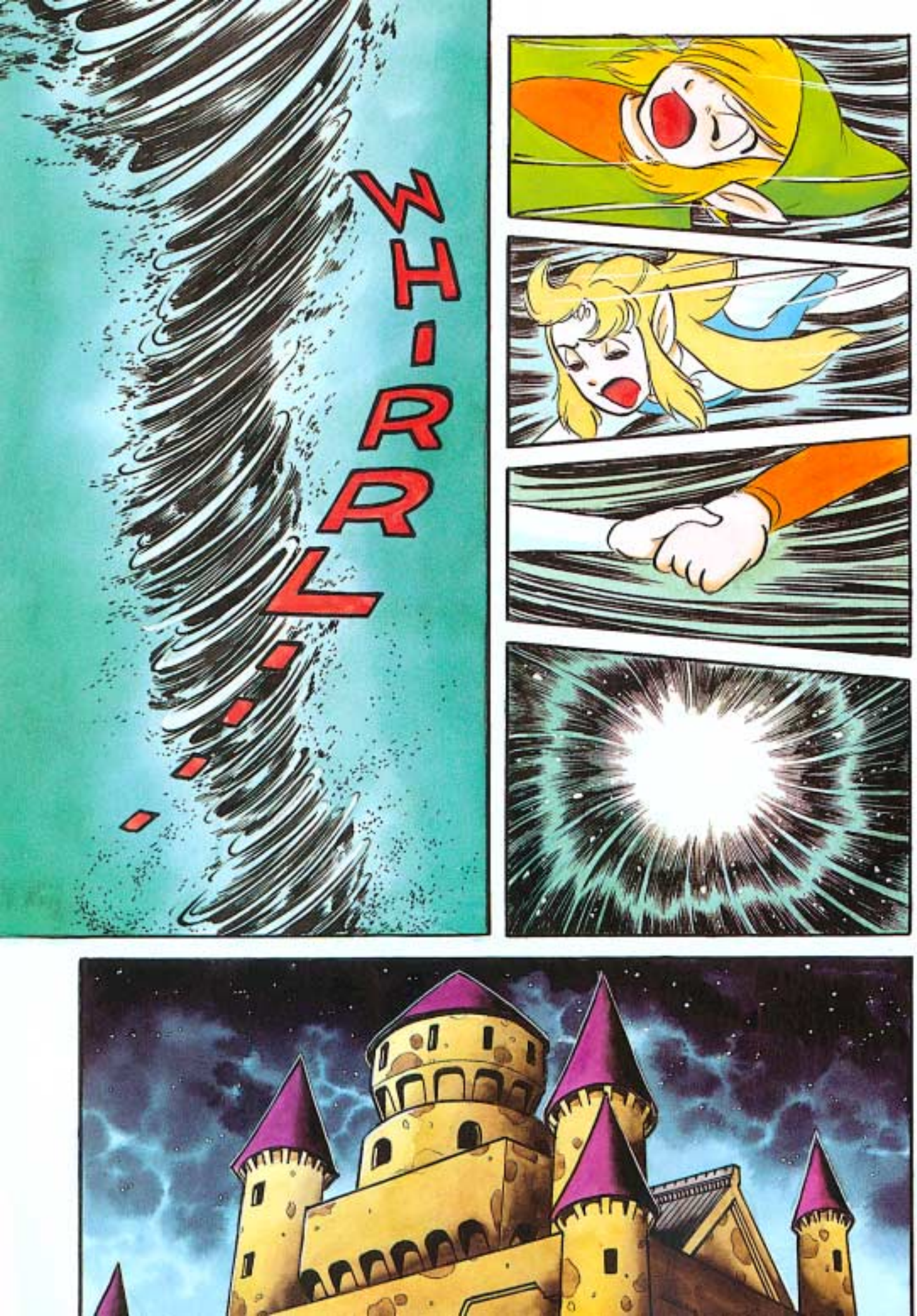
ZAH
SHOOOM!!
AAAHA...
IT WAS THE ENCHANTED ARROW...


BJOOP
BJOOP
BJOOP
GOOROOOP-.
KA!
BOOOOSH!
BLOOP!
BLOOP!

RUMBLE-!-!
RUMBLE.


WELCOME, LINK...
I AM THE ESSENCE OF THE TRIFORCE.
THE TRIFORCE WILL GRANT THE WISHES OF THE PERSON WHO TOUCHES IT.
GOOD WISHES ARE BESTOWED UPON THE GOOD...
...AND EVIL UPON THOSE OF EVIL HEART. ALL ARE GRANTED IN PERFECT CLARITY.
YOU HAVE TOTALLY DESTROYED GANON.
THE TRIFORCE IS WAITING FOR A NEW MASTER.
ITS GOLDEN POWER IS IN YOUR HANDS--
--TOUCH IT WITH A WISH IN YOUR HEART.

GOOD-BYE, LINK...
WHOOO!
WHOAA!
WOOO


WHIRRL...

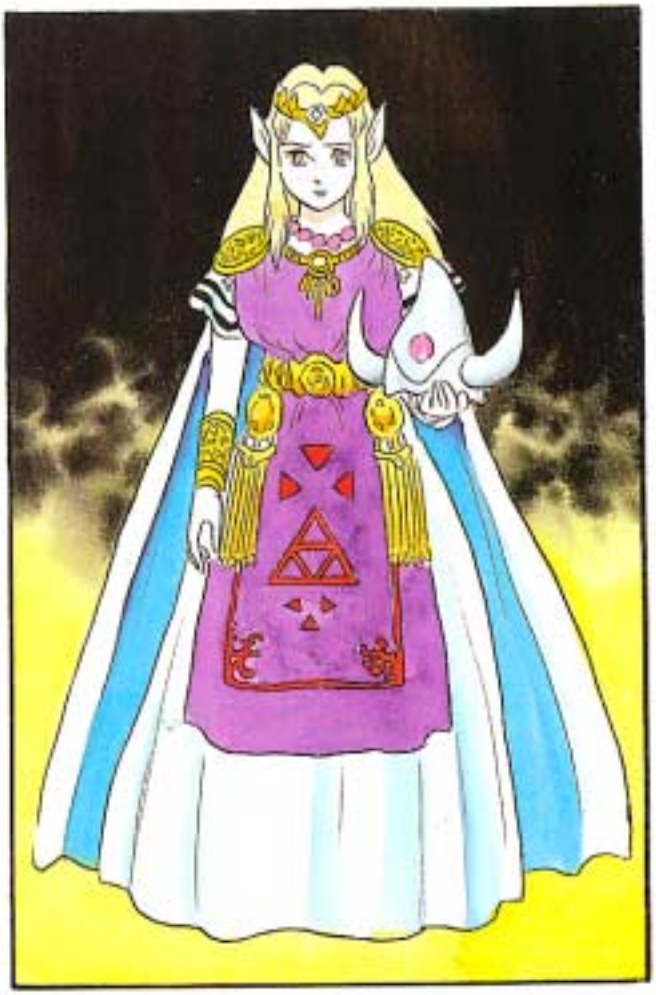
HYRULE, MY HOMELAND!
WE MADE IT! WE'RE BACK!
LINK...
UNCLE!
FATHER! MOTHER!
YOU HAVE DONE WELL, LINK...
IN THE IMPRISONING WAR OF YEARS PAST, GREAT ARMIES RISKED ALL TO SEAL GANON IN THE DARK WORLD.

YOU, HOWEVER, ACCOMPLISHED A MUCH MORE **LONELY** AND **DIFFICULT** VICTORY...

IT WAS NOT ONLY BY YOUR **OWN** POWER, BUT ALSO THAT OF THE MANY GENERATIONS OF **KNIGHTS** AND **WISE MEN** WHO **PRECEDED** YOU.

LET THE **MEMORIES** OF THEIR EFFORTS **HUMBLE** YOU. **NEVER FORGET!**

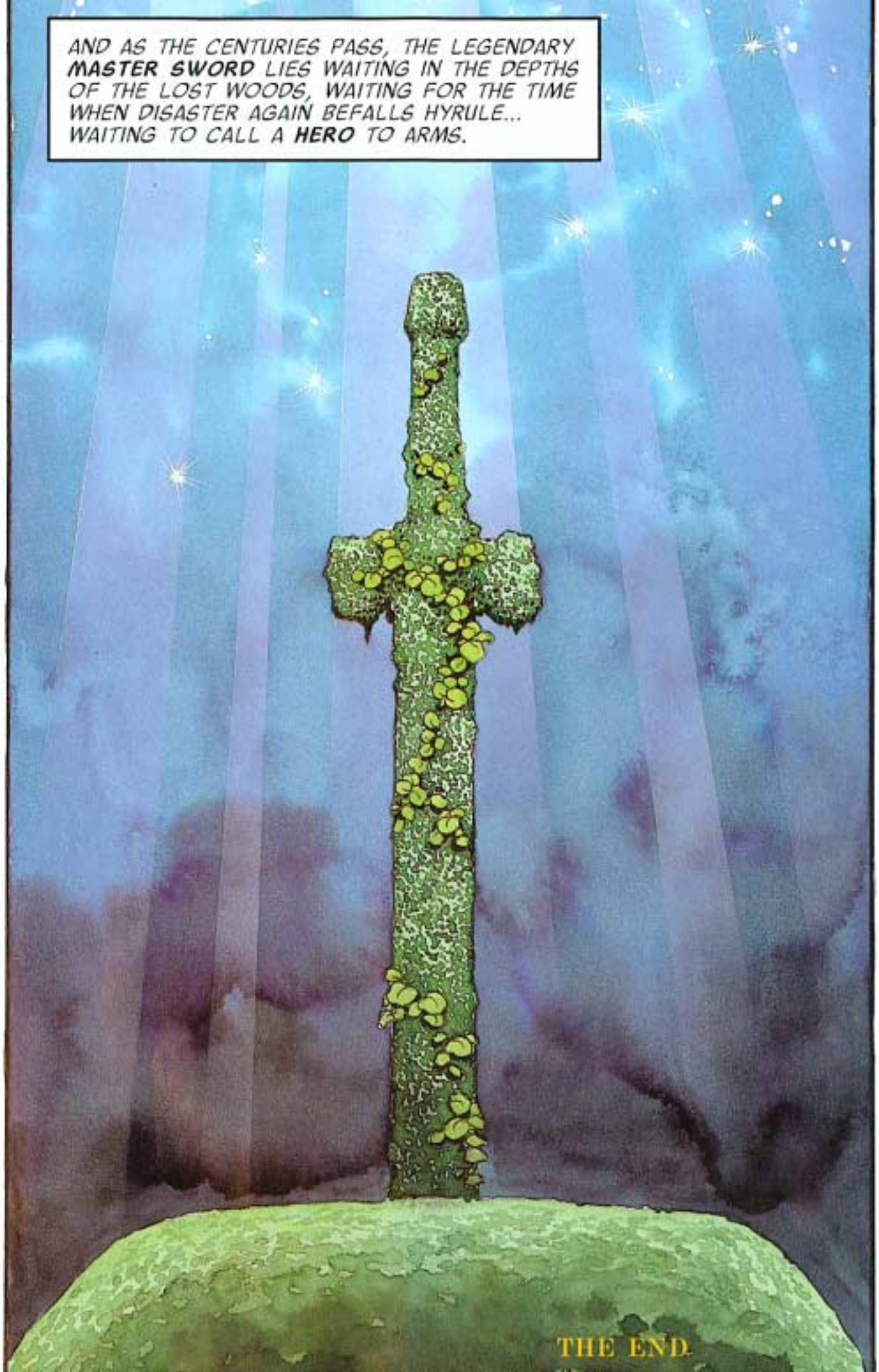
FOLLOWING GANON'S DEFEAT, THE DARK WORLD **VANISHED,** RELEASING MANY WHO HAD BEEN **TRAPPED** THERE IN **MONSTROUS FORM.** THE LONGED-FOR **PEACE** ONCE AGAIN RETURNED TO HYRULE.



LINK WAS APPOINTED AS MASTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF HYRULE BY THE NEWLY-CROWNED QUEEN ZELDA.

IT'S *IRONIC* ISN'T IT...
WHO? *ZELDA!?*

THE PSYCHIC LINK BETWEEN US WAS SO STRONG WHEN I WAS IN GANON'S CLUTCHES...
...BUT NOW THAT WE ARE BOTH FREE, AND AT PEACE...
...YOU SEEM SO DISTANT, GUARDING THE TRIFORCE...
I AM ALONE...
AS LONG AS I LIVE, I SHALL NEVER FORGET THE TIME WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER IN OUR DREAMS...


AND AS THE CENTURIES PASS, THE LEGENDARY **MASTER SWORD** LIES WAITING IN THE DEPTHS OF THE LOST WOODS, WAITING FOR THE TIME WHEN DISASTER AGAIN BEFALLS HYRULE... WAITING TO CALL A **HERO** TO ARMS.
THE END

About The Comics

The comics in this book were originally serialized in Nintendo Power magazine. The first of 12 parts appeared in January 1992 (Volume 32) and the series ran through December 1992. Although the story loosely follows the plot of the Super Entertainment System game, The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past, some new twists and characters were added to preserve the elements of surprise and add to the dramatic flow.

The designer of the comics, Shotaro Ishinomori, is one of Japan's most famous comic book creators. He has received many awards for his work. Among his most popular works in Japan are "Cyborg 009" (a science fiction adventure); "Masked Rider" (science fiction) and "Hotel" (a dramatic series).

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